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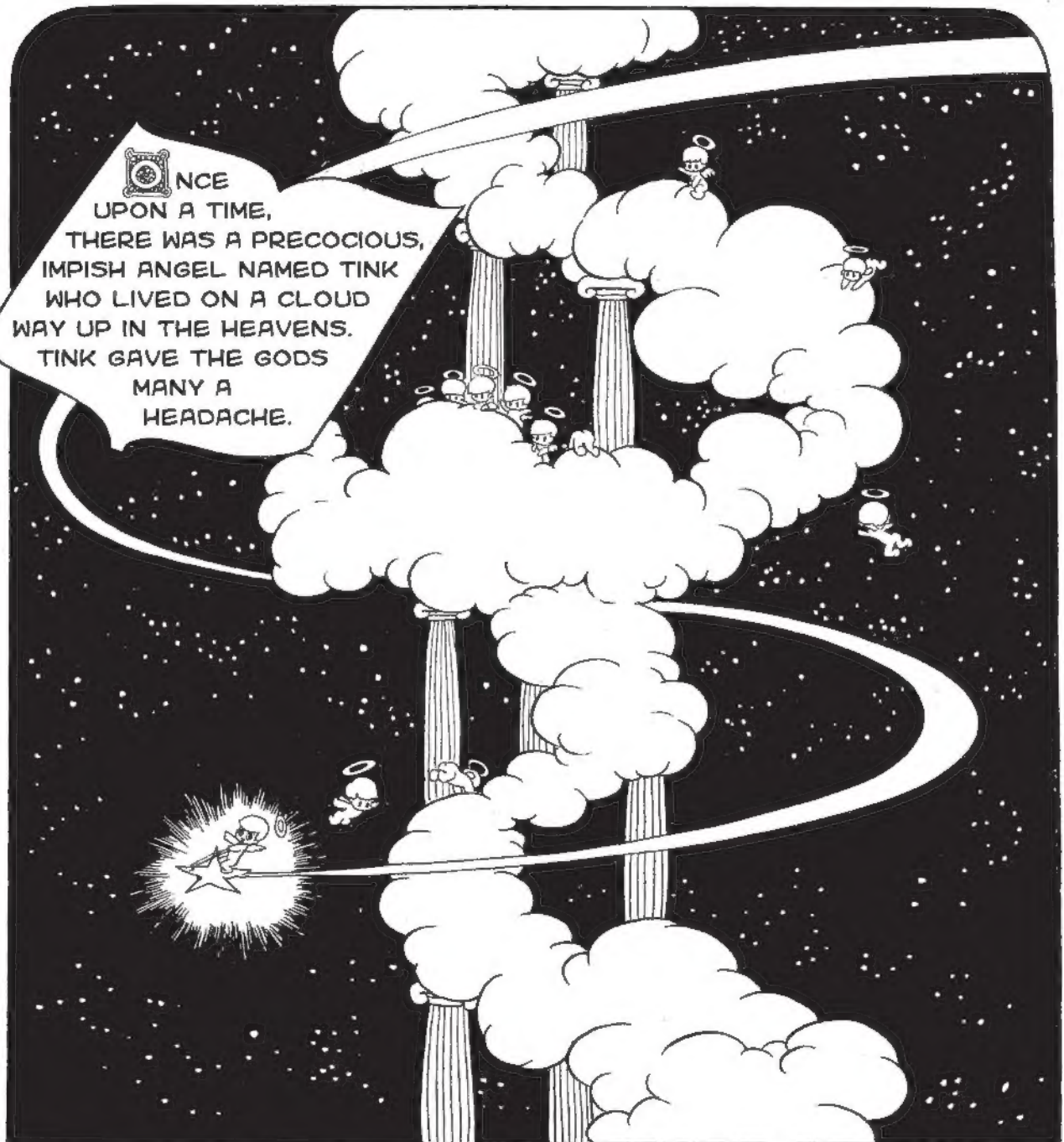
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Chapter 1

Once Upon a Time

ONCE
UPON A TIME,
THERE WAS A PRECOCIOUS,
IMPISH ANGEL NAMED TINK
WHO LIVED ON A CLOUD
WAY UP IN THE HEAVENS.
TINK GAVE THE GODS
MANY A
HEADACHE.



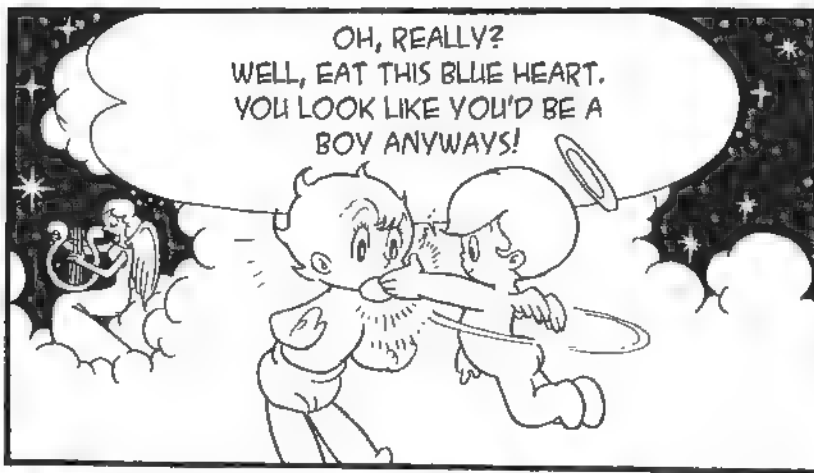


OKAY, YOU CHERUBIC CHILDREN THAT'LL BE BORN TOMORROW—COME LINE UP HERE. WE'RE GOING TO DECIDE WHETHER YOU'LL BE A BOY OR A GIRL. IF YOU SWALLOW A BLUE HEART, YOU'LL BE A BRAVE BOY. IF A RED HEART, YOU'LL BE A GRACEFUL GIRL. NOW SAY "AH!"

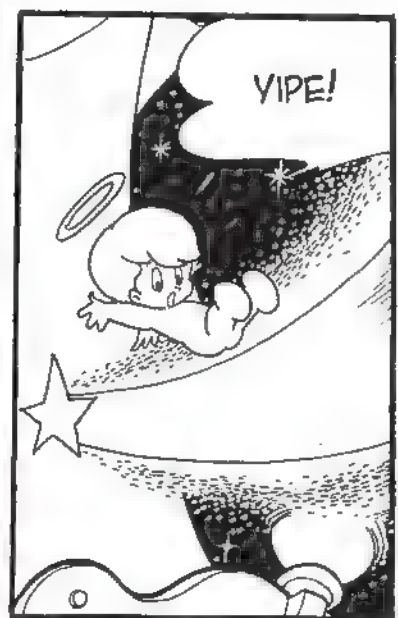
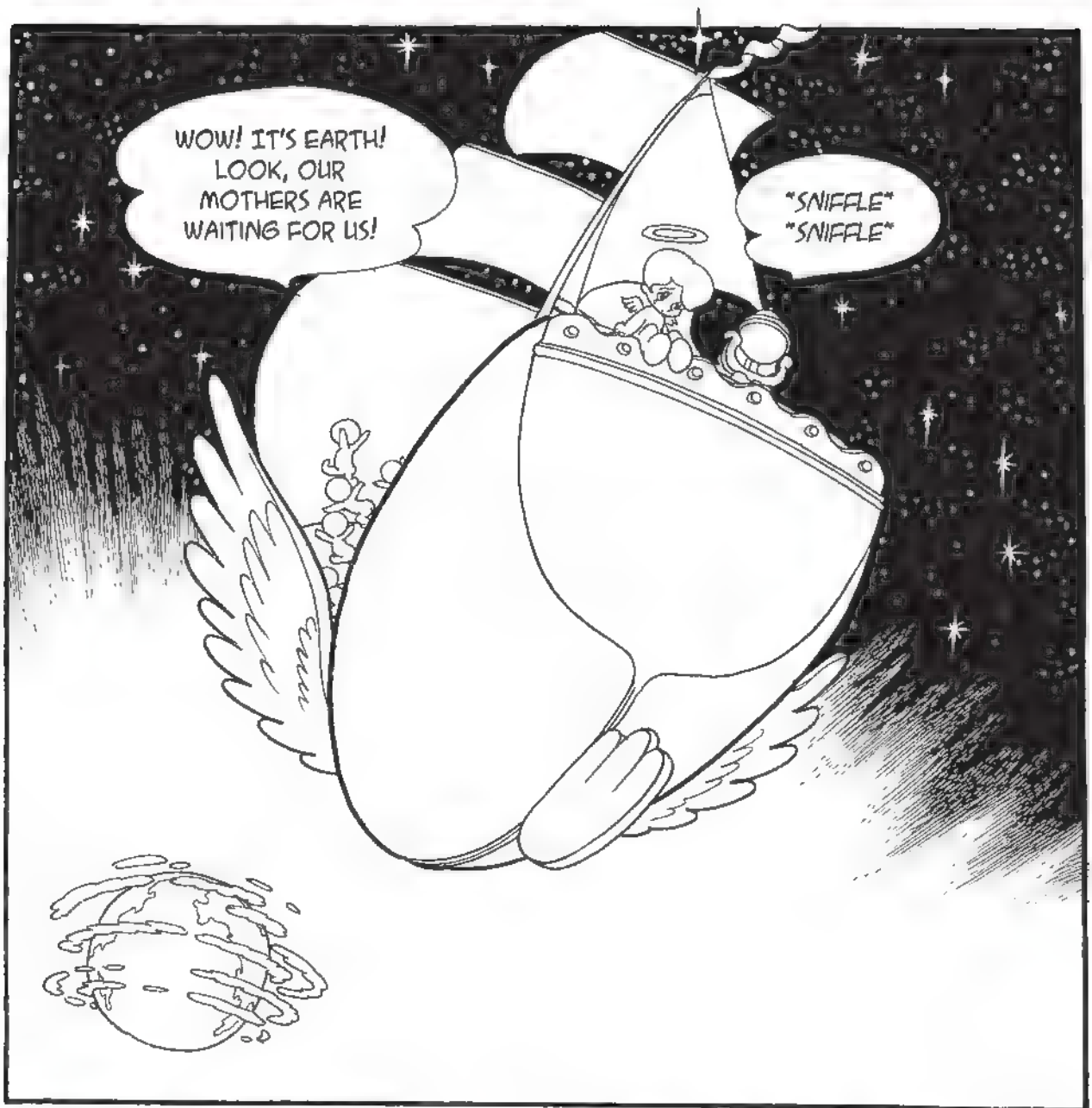
YOU'RE GOING TO BE A BOY! ISN'T THAT GREAT?

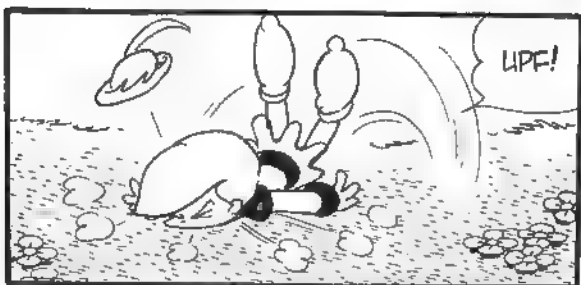
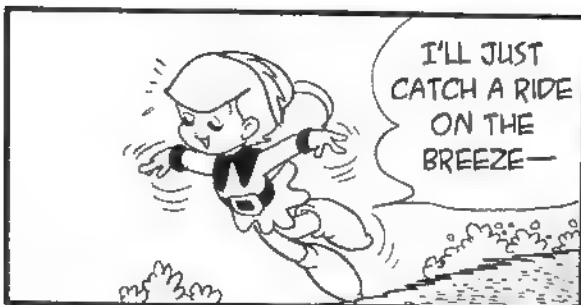
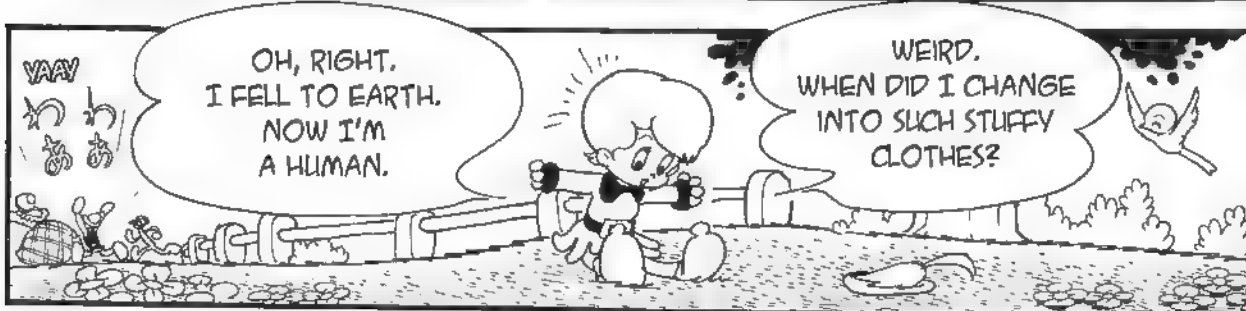
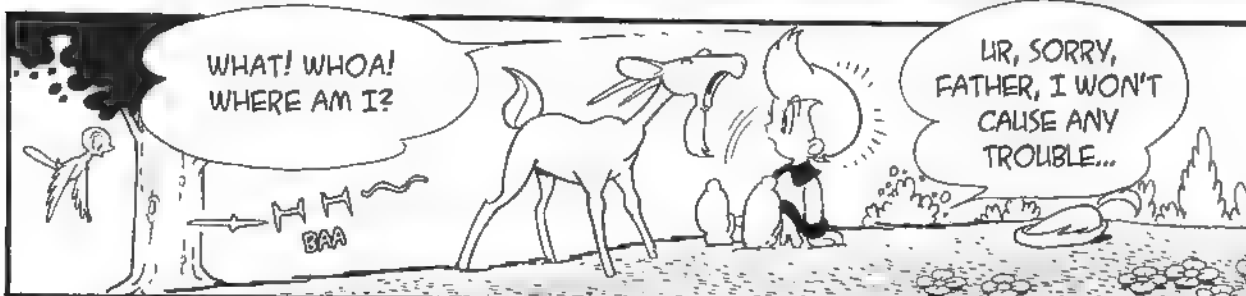
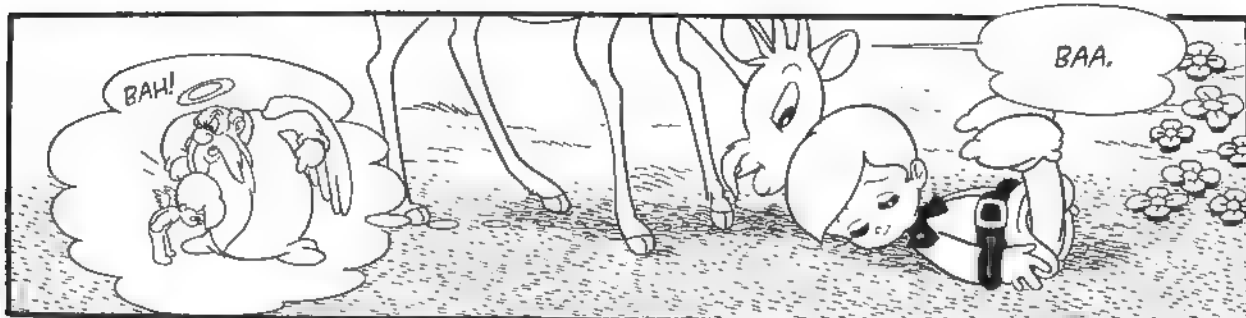
TINK

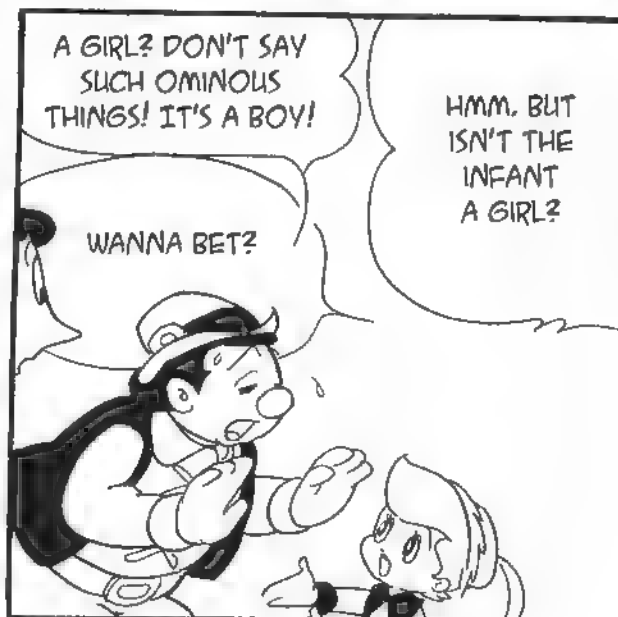
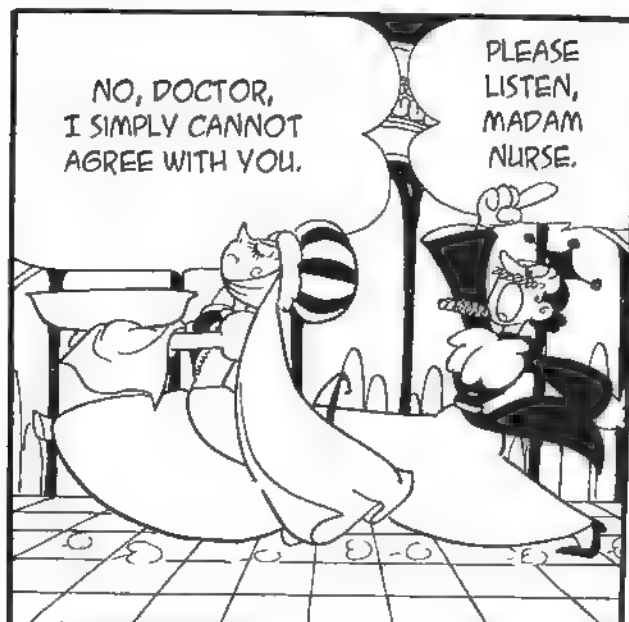
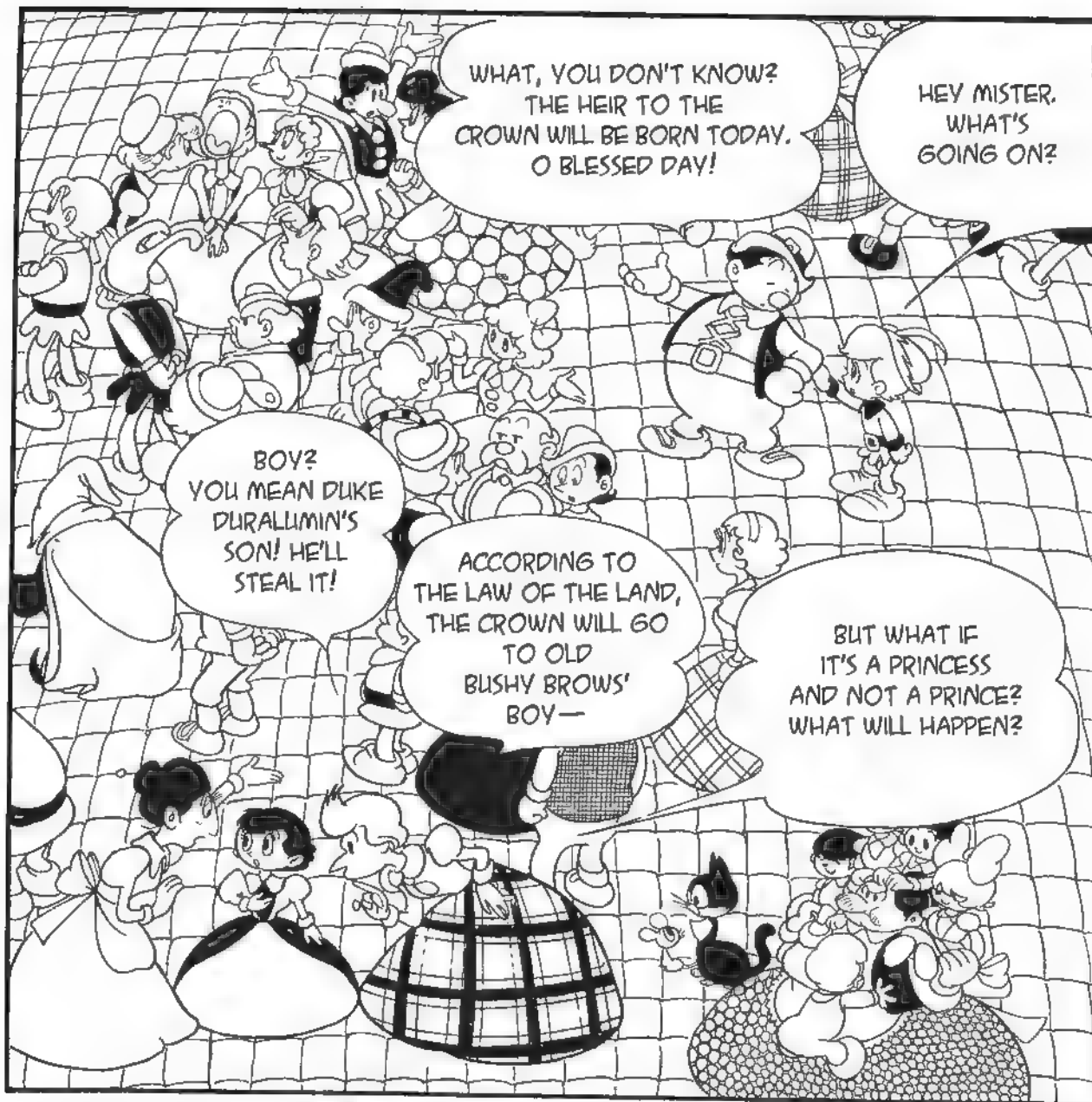
STOP FIGHTING, YOU TWO, OR WE'LL PUSH YOUR BIRTHDAY TO NEXT YEAR!

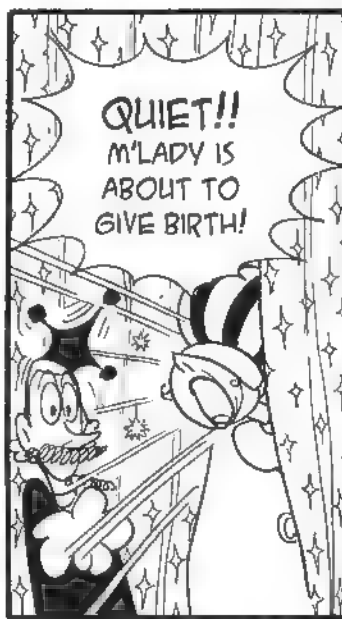
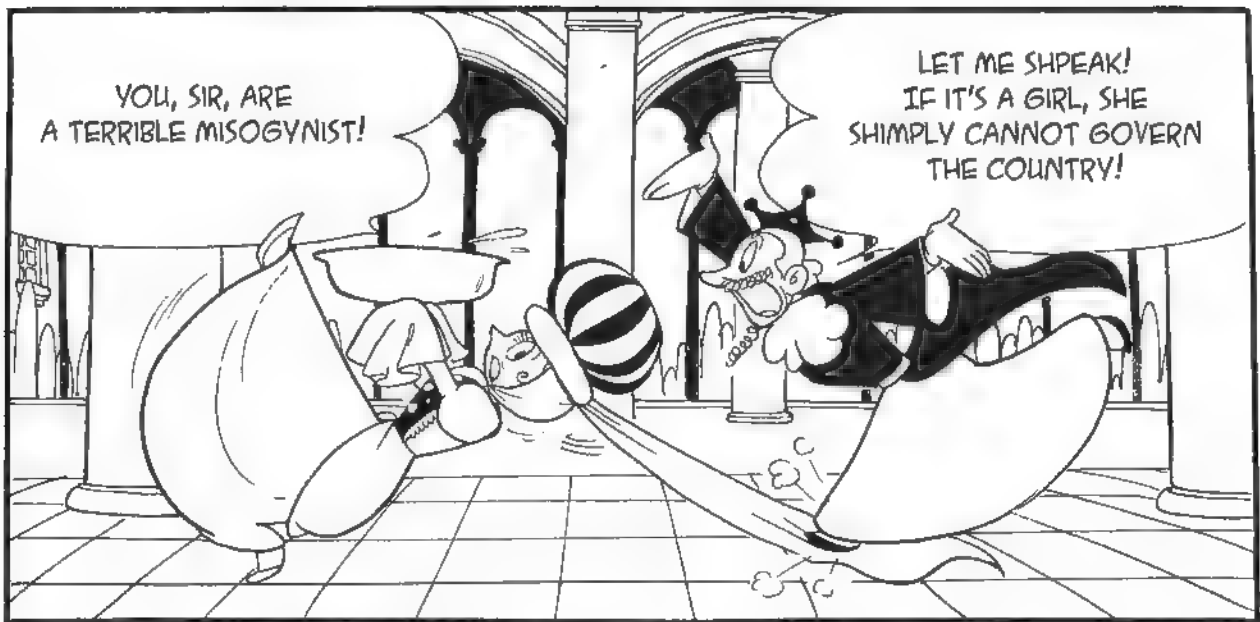


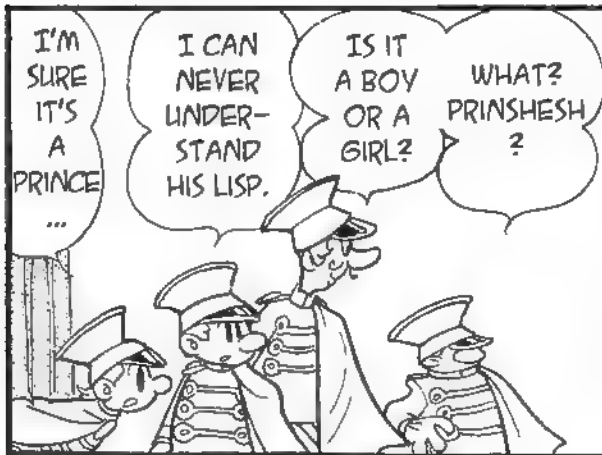
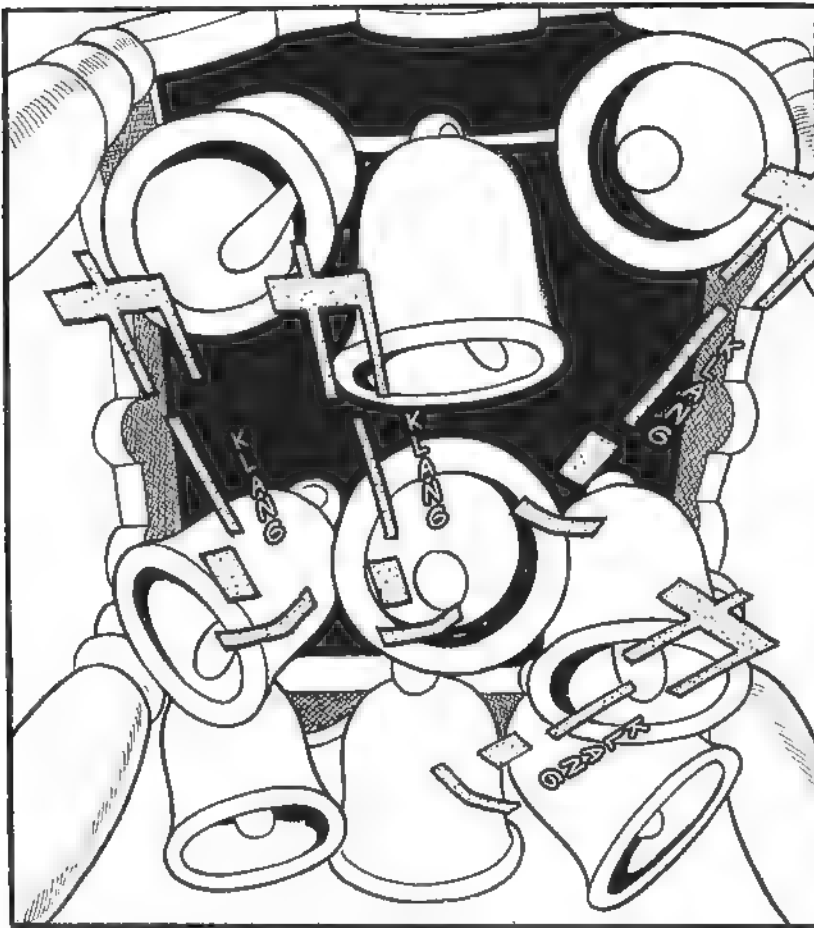


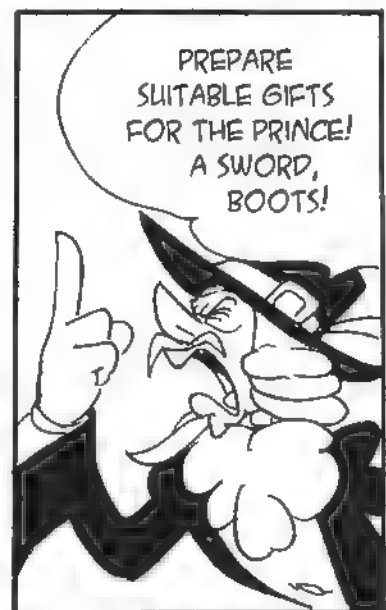


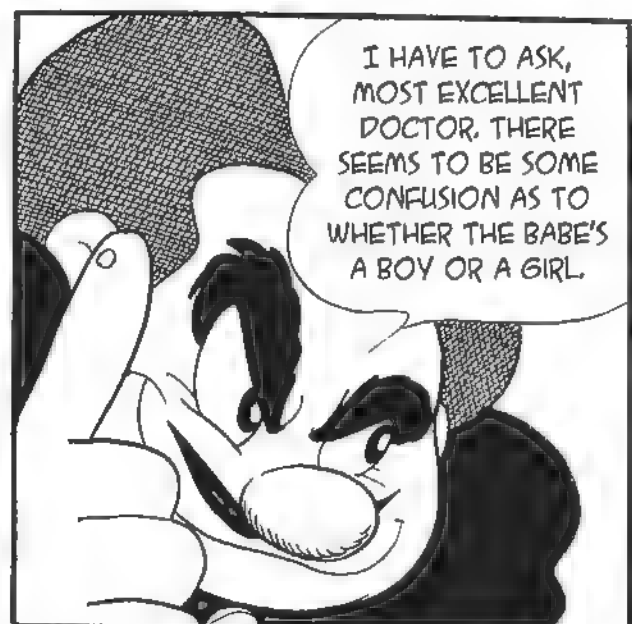
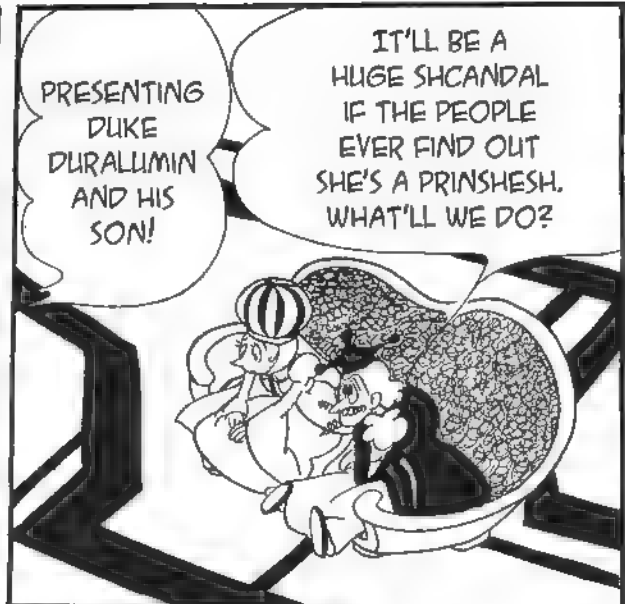
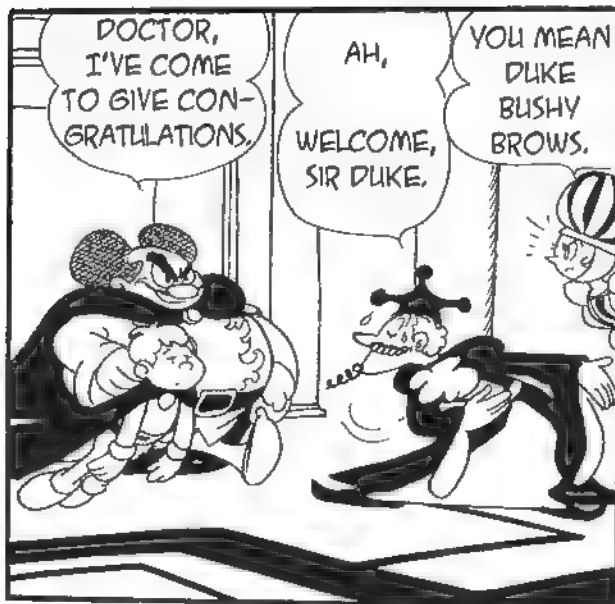


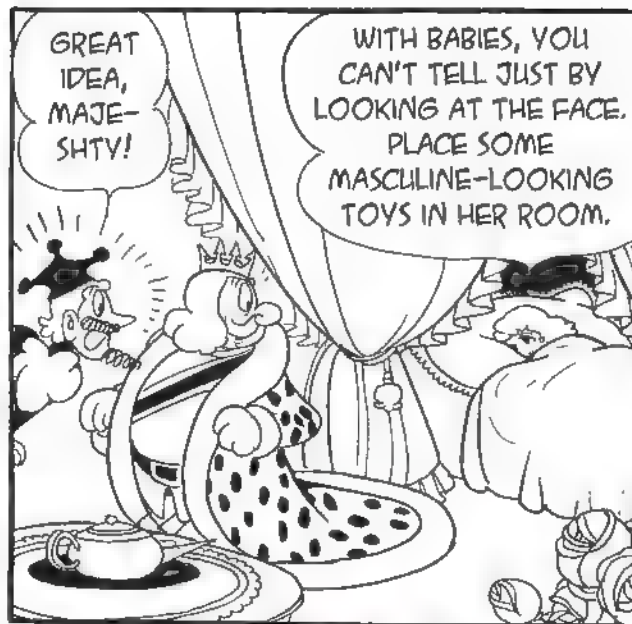
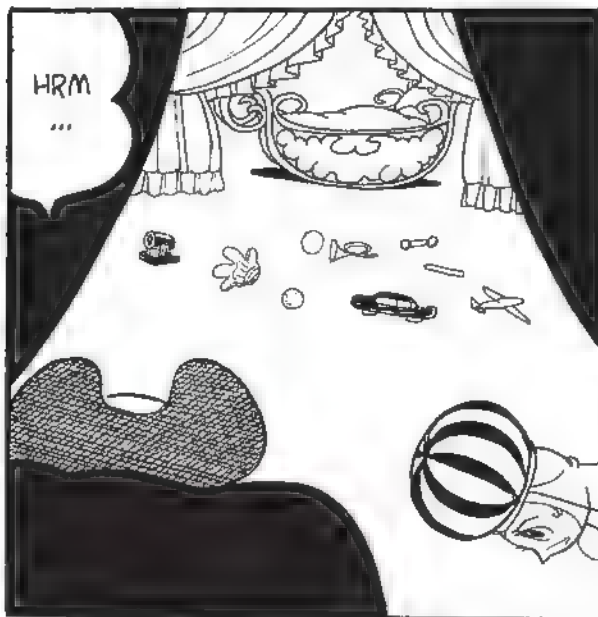


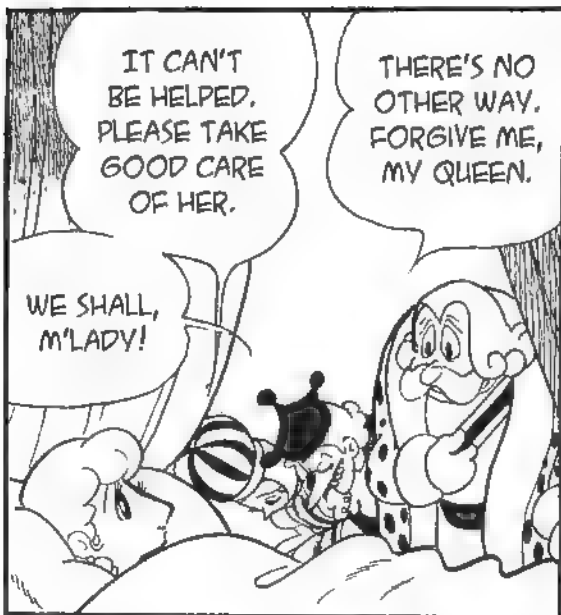






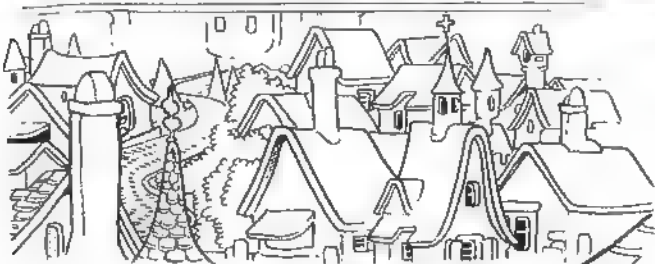




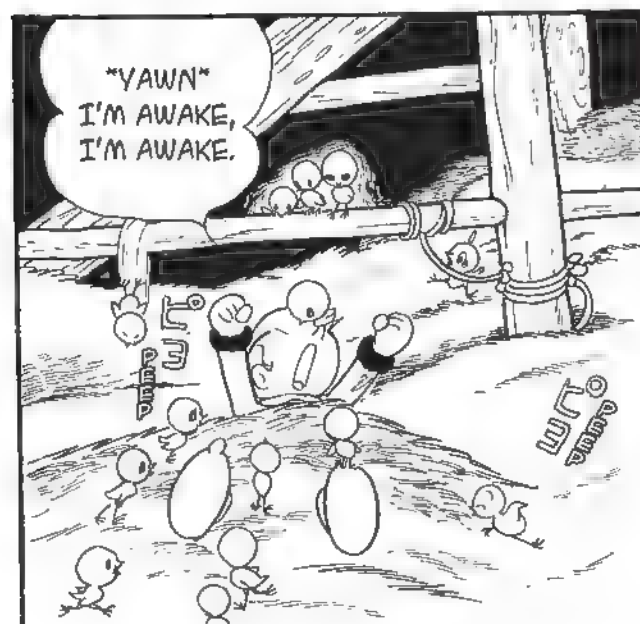


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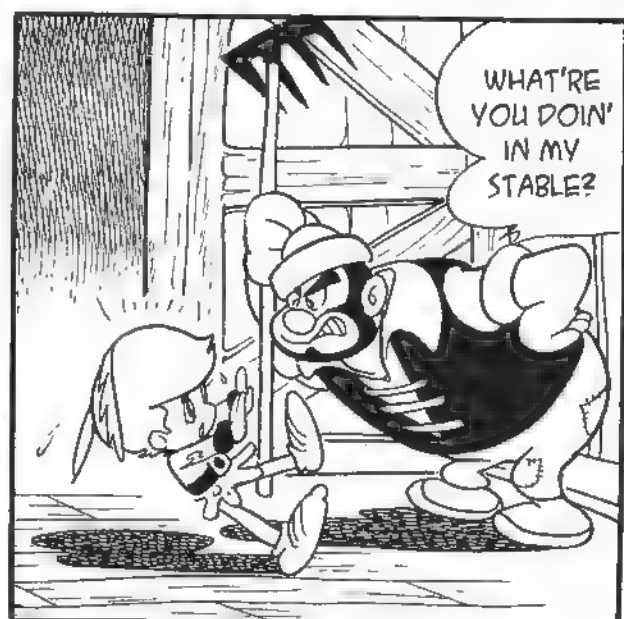
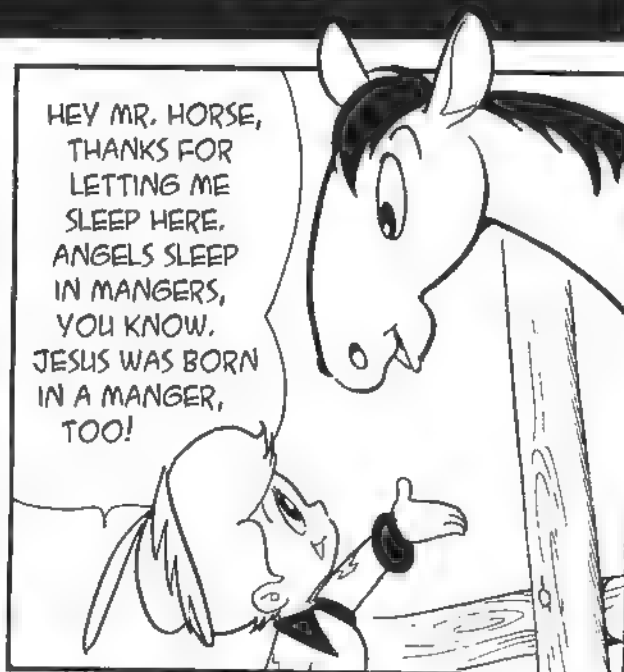
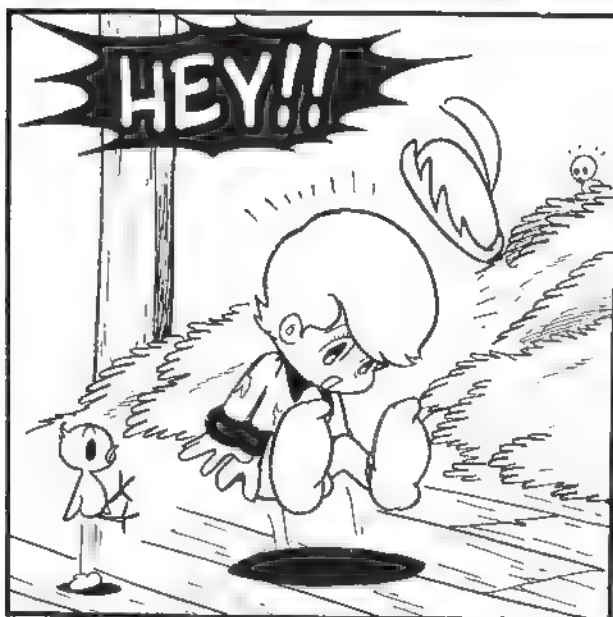
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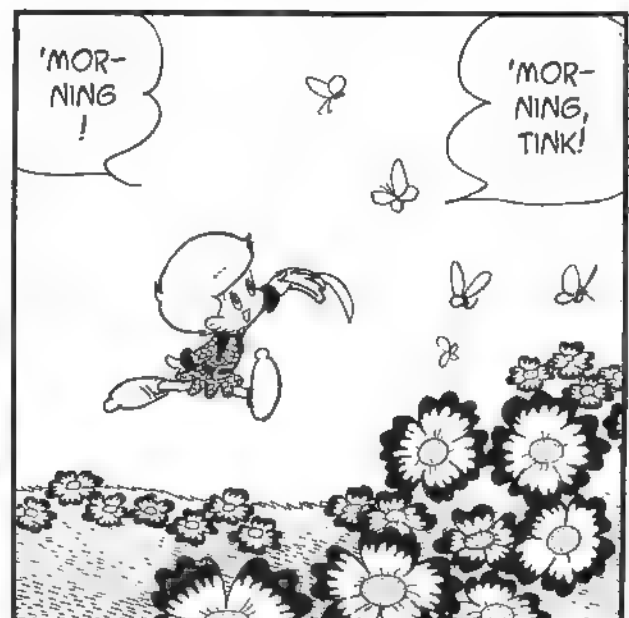
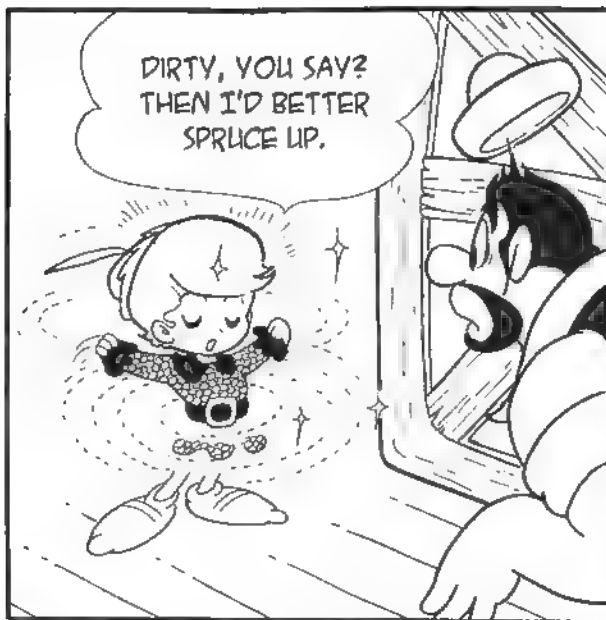


THUS DID
 FIFTEEN YEARS
 PASS.
 THE PRINCE TURNED
 FIFTEEN YEARS OLD.
 HOWEVER, TINK,
 BEING AN ANGEL,
 LOOKED
 THE SAME AS
 THE DAY
 HE FELL TO
 EARTH.



"YAWN"
 I'M AWAKE,
 I'M AWAKE.



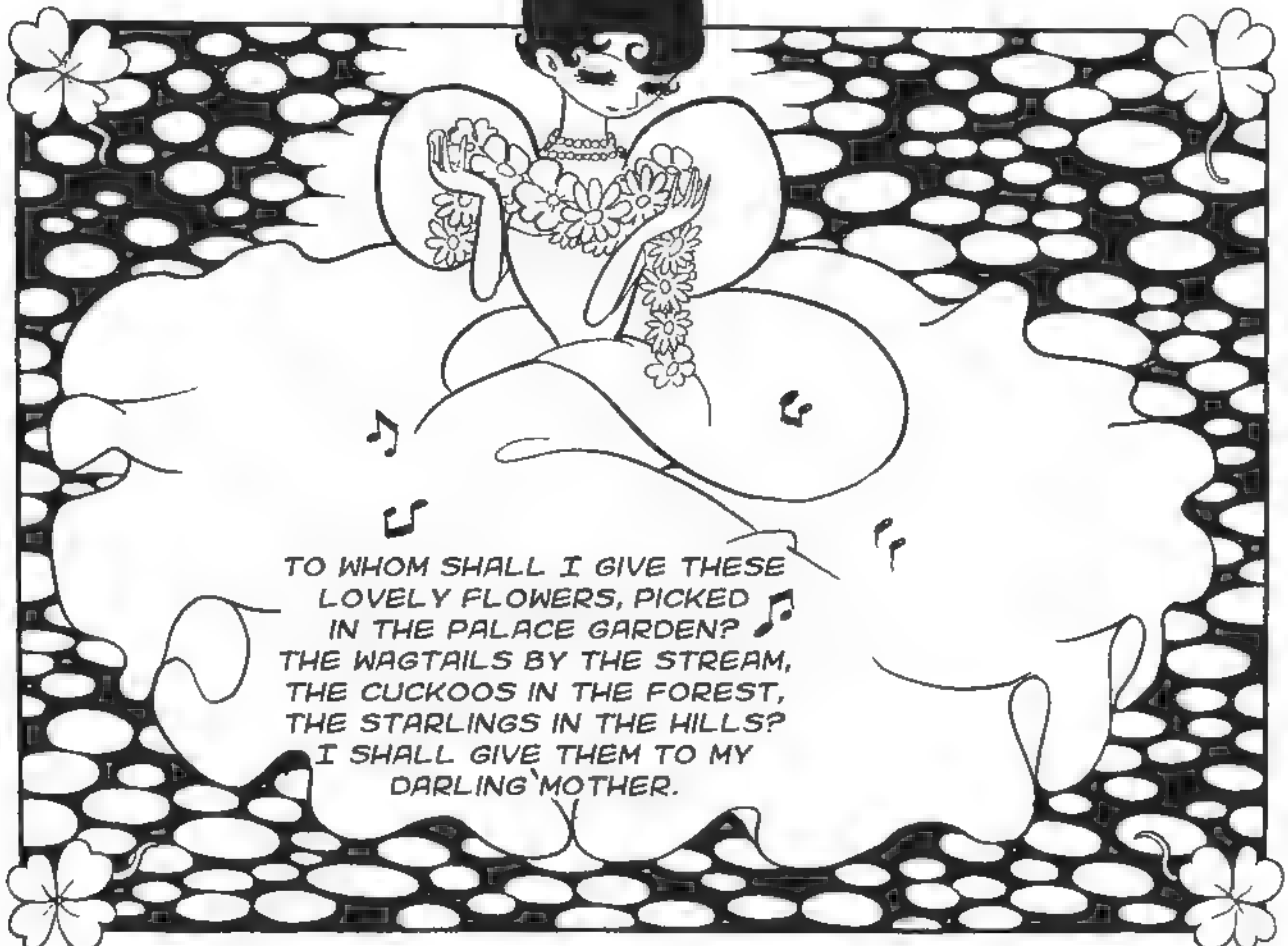
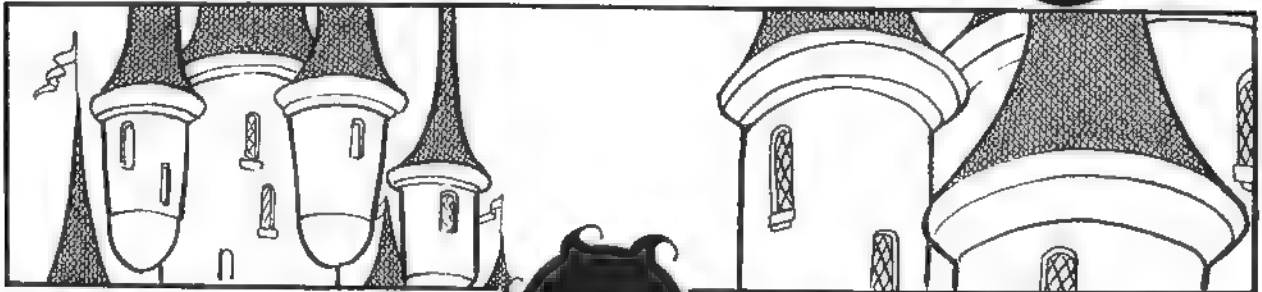
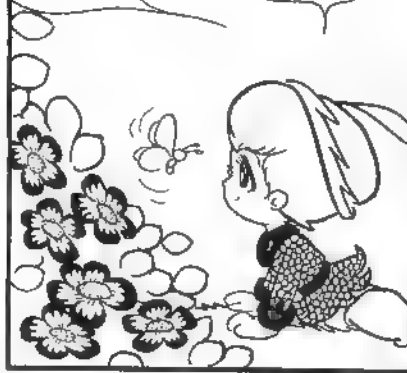
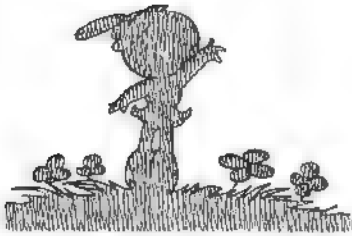


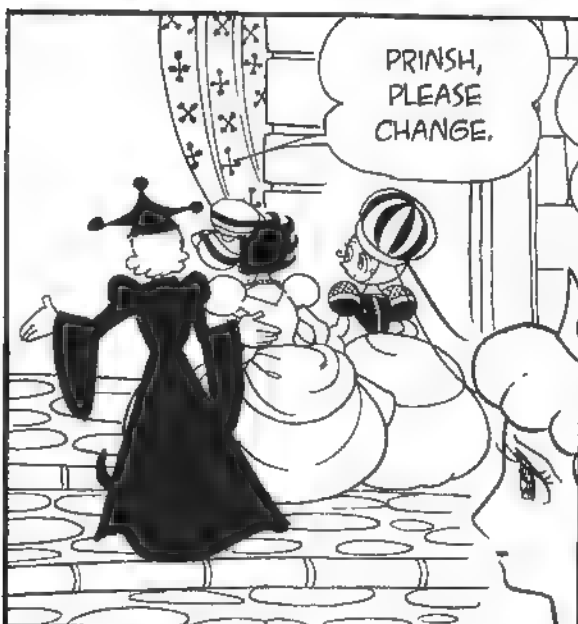
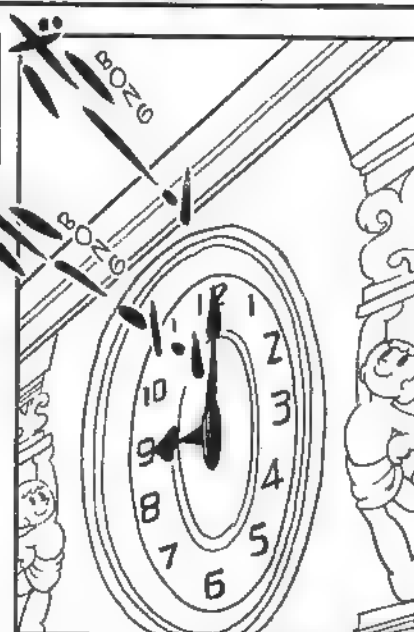
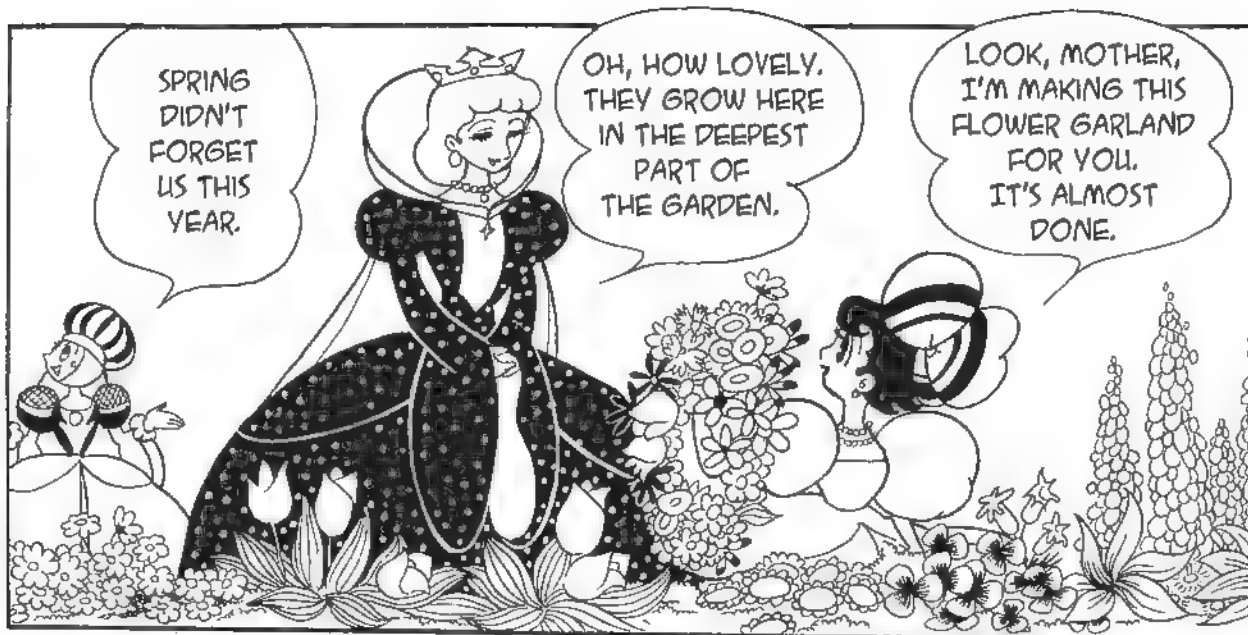
SAY "HI" FOR
ME IF YOU
MEET HER
AGAIN!

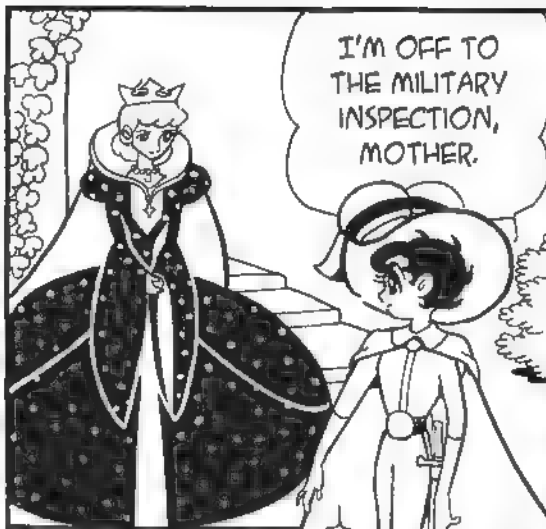
IF
I HAD
WINGS
I'D FLY
TO SEE
HER.

REALLY?
I'M SO
GLAD
SHE'S
A GIRL.

SHE WAS IN THE
PALACE GARDEN,
WEARING A DRESS
AND PICKING
FLOWERS.





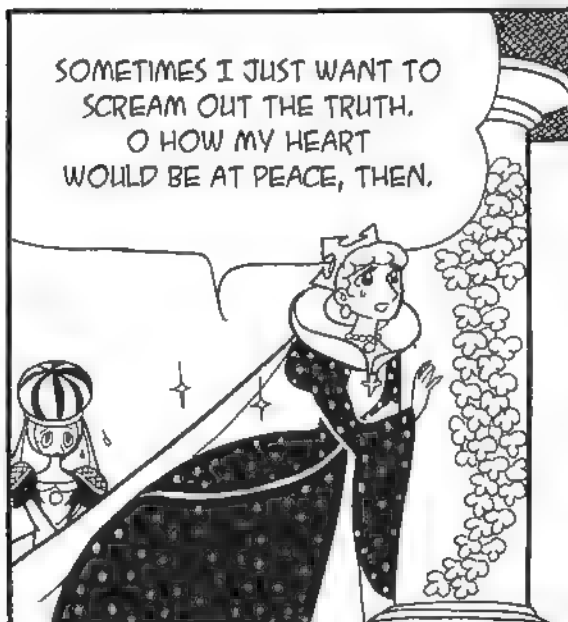


I'M OFF TO
THE MILITARY
INSPECTION,
MOTHER.



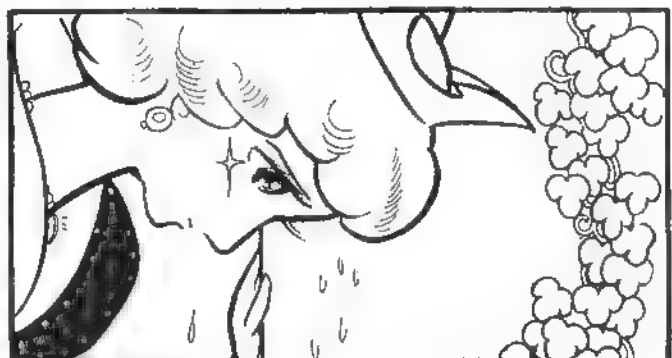
TAKE CARE
NOT TO
USE A PINK
HANDKER-
CHIEF.

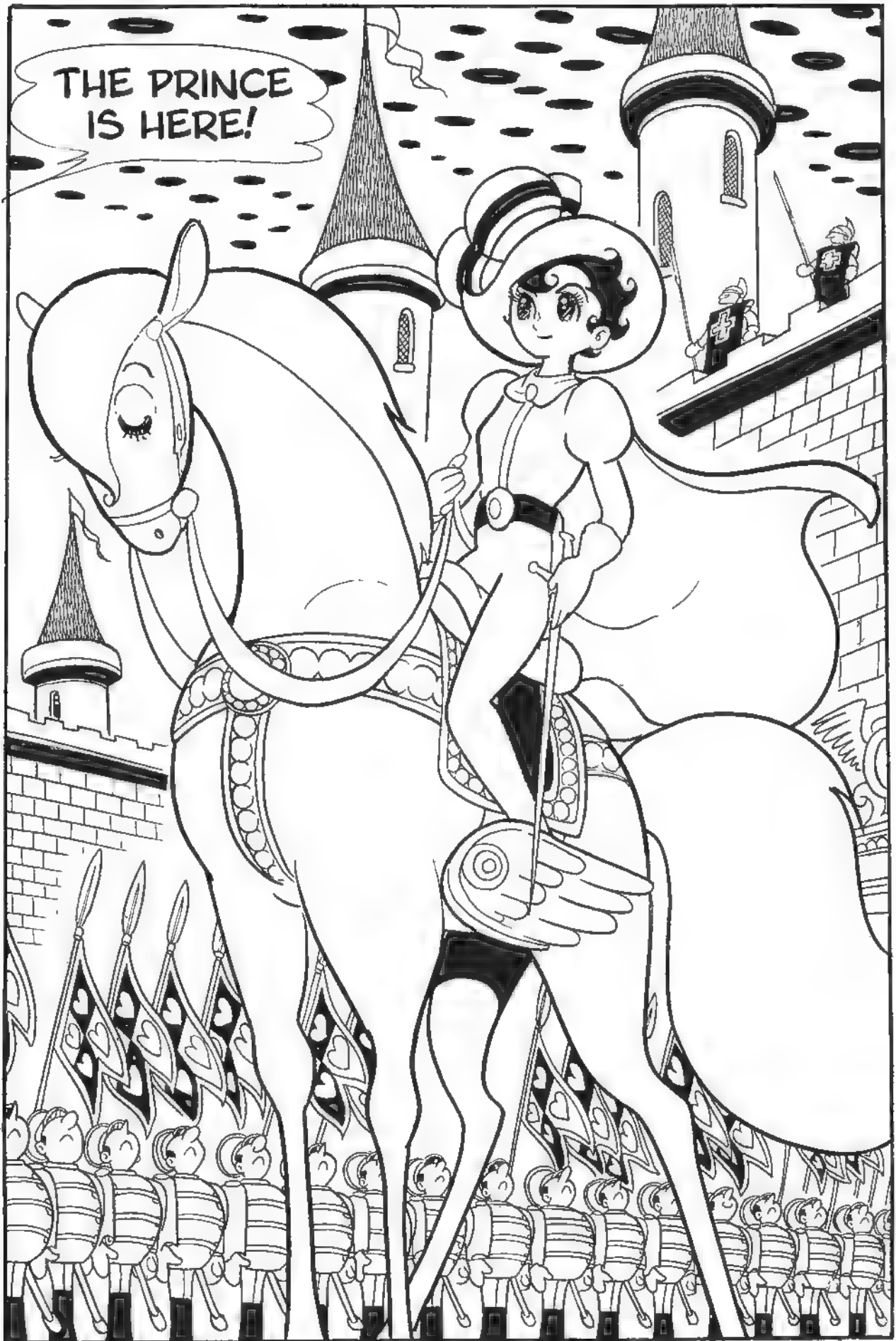
PLEASE
TAKE OFF
YOUR DRESS
AND PUT ON
YOUR SUIT.

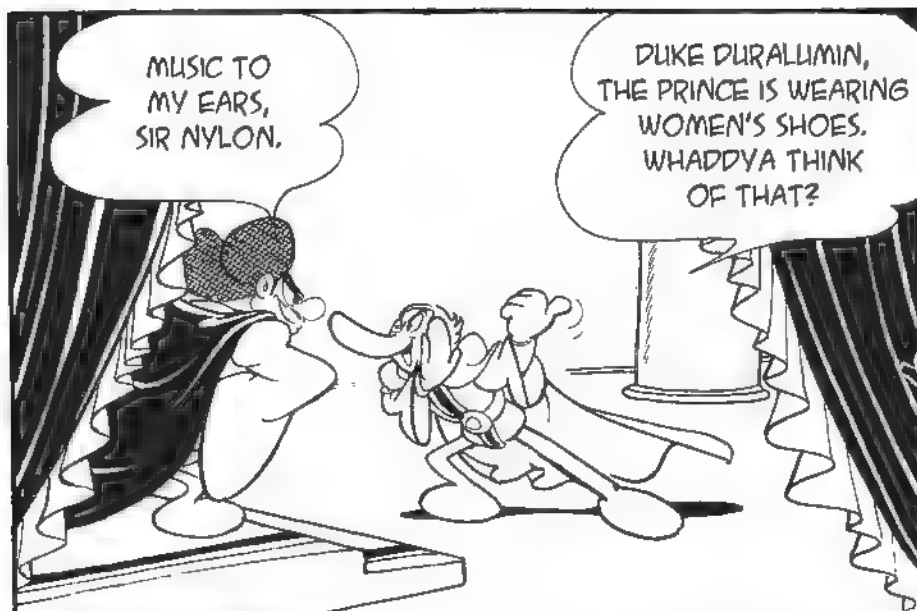
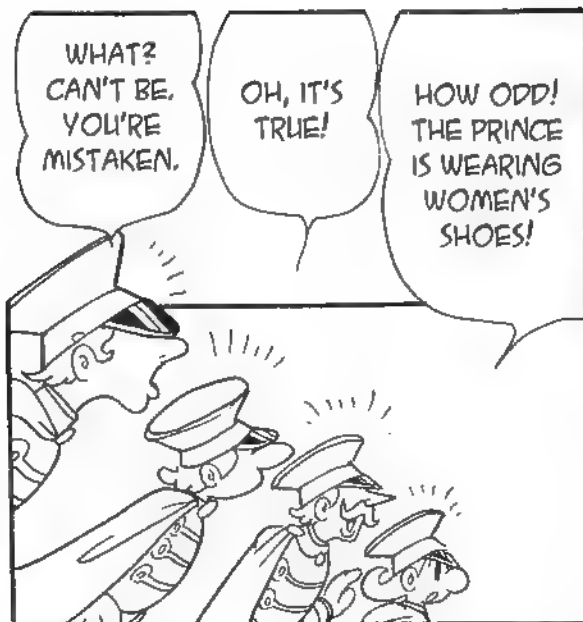


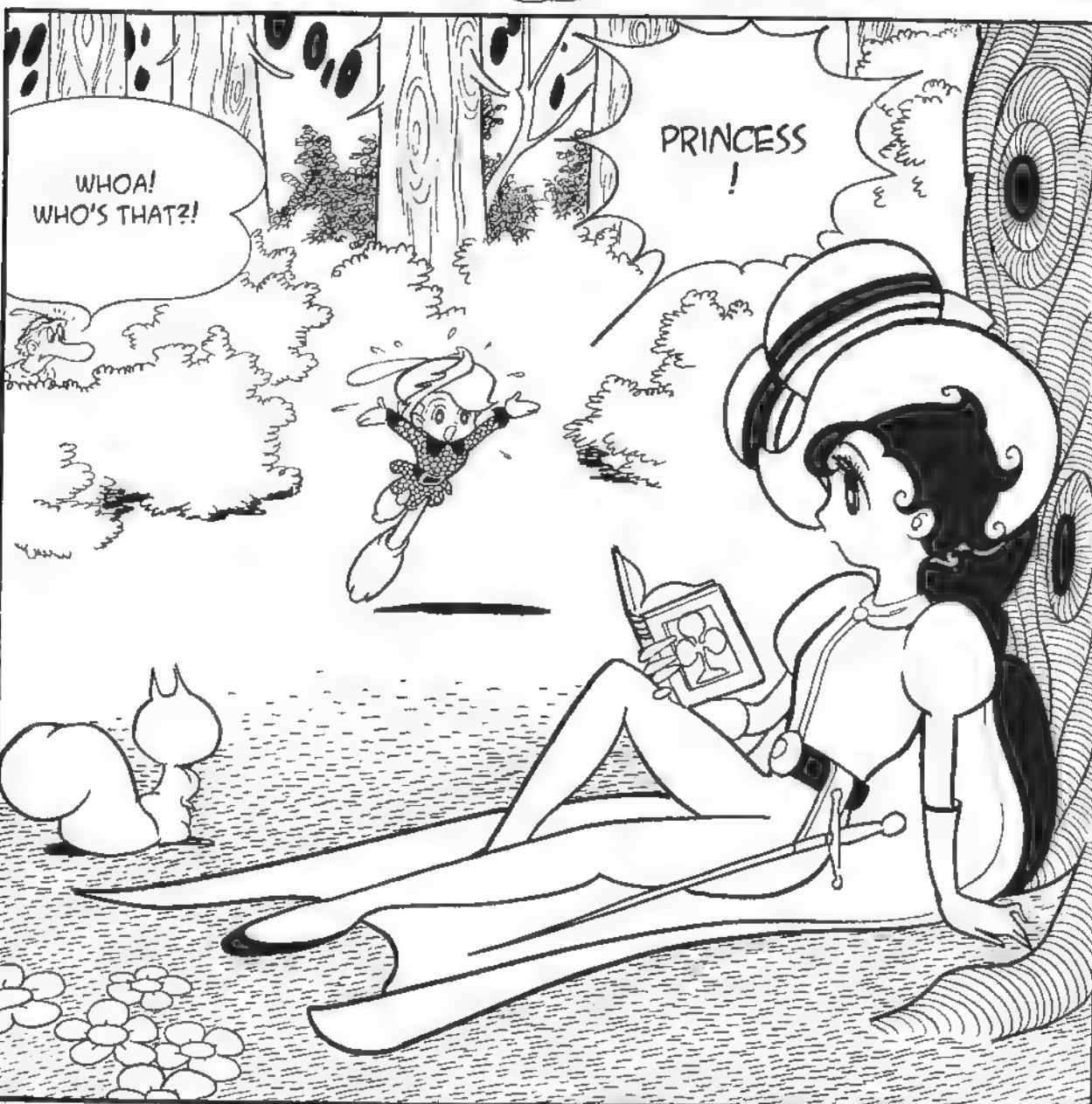
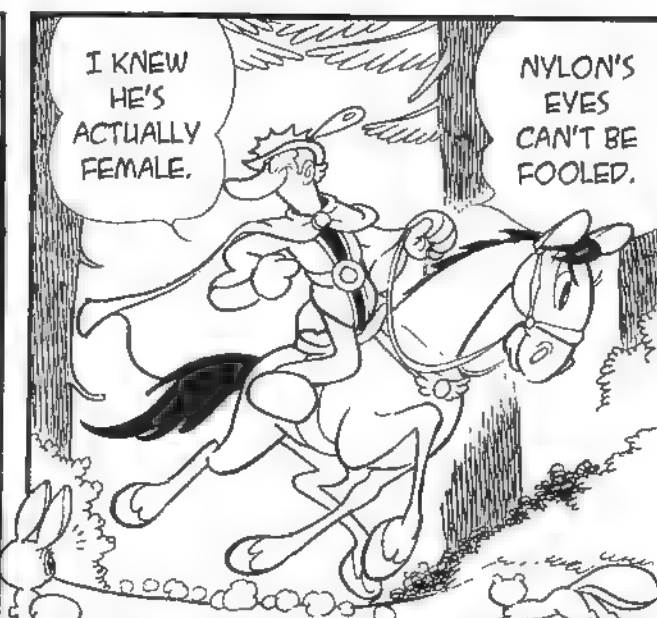
SOMETIMES I JUST WANT TO
SCREAM OUT THE TRUTH.
O HOW MY HEART
WOULD BE AT PEACE, THEN.

OH, OH! I FEEL I'M GOING MAD.
WE'VE BEEN CURSED BY THE DEVIL.
POOR SAPHIRE...
SHE HAS TO SPLIT HER DAYS,
HALF A PRINCE, HALF A PRINCESS...

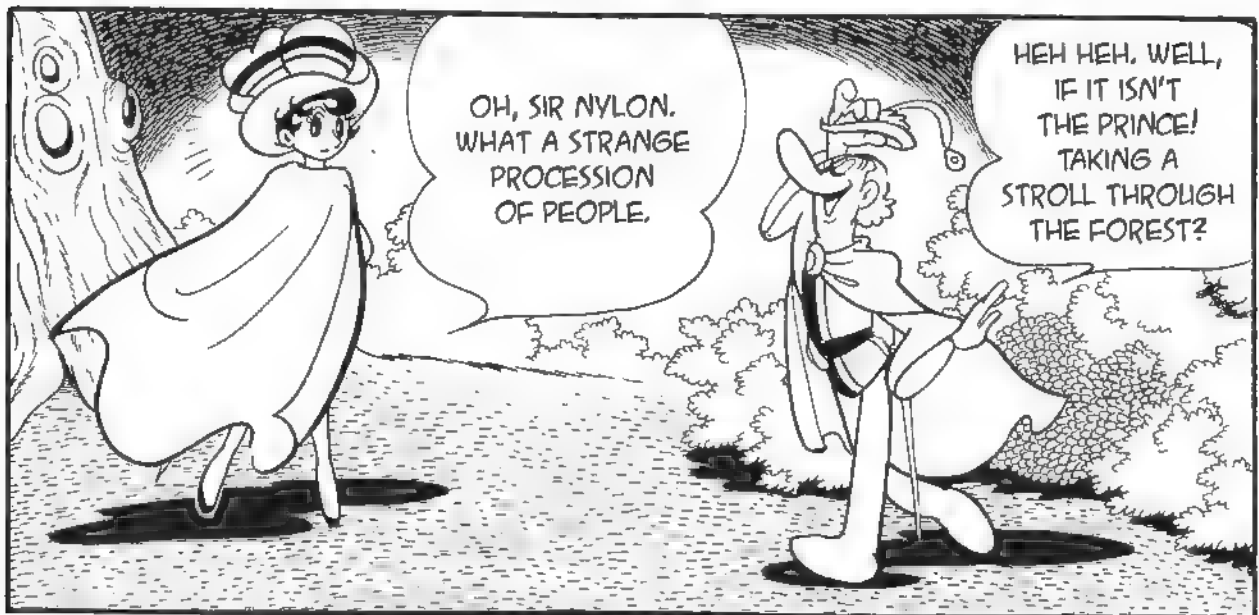
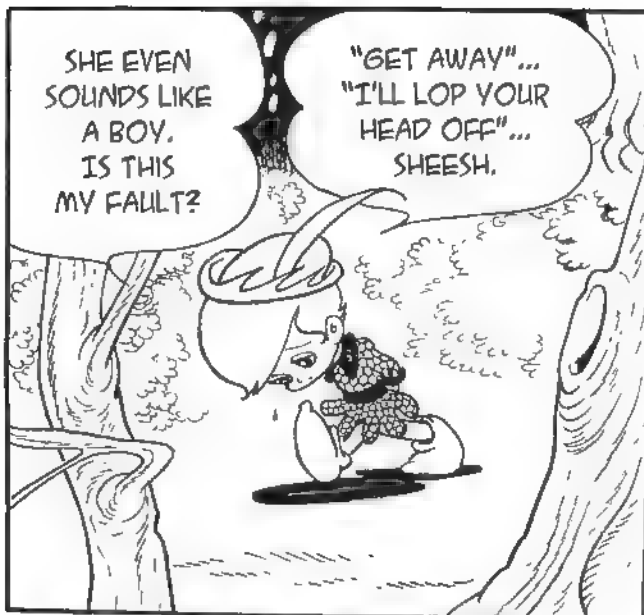


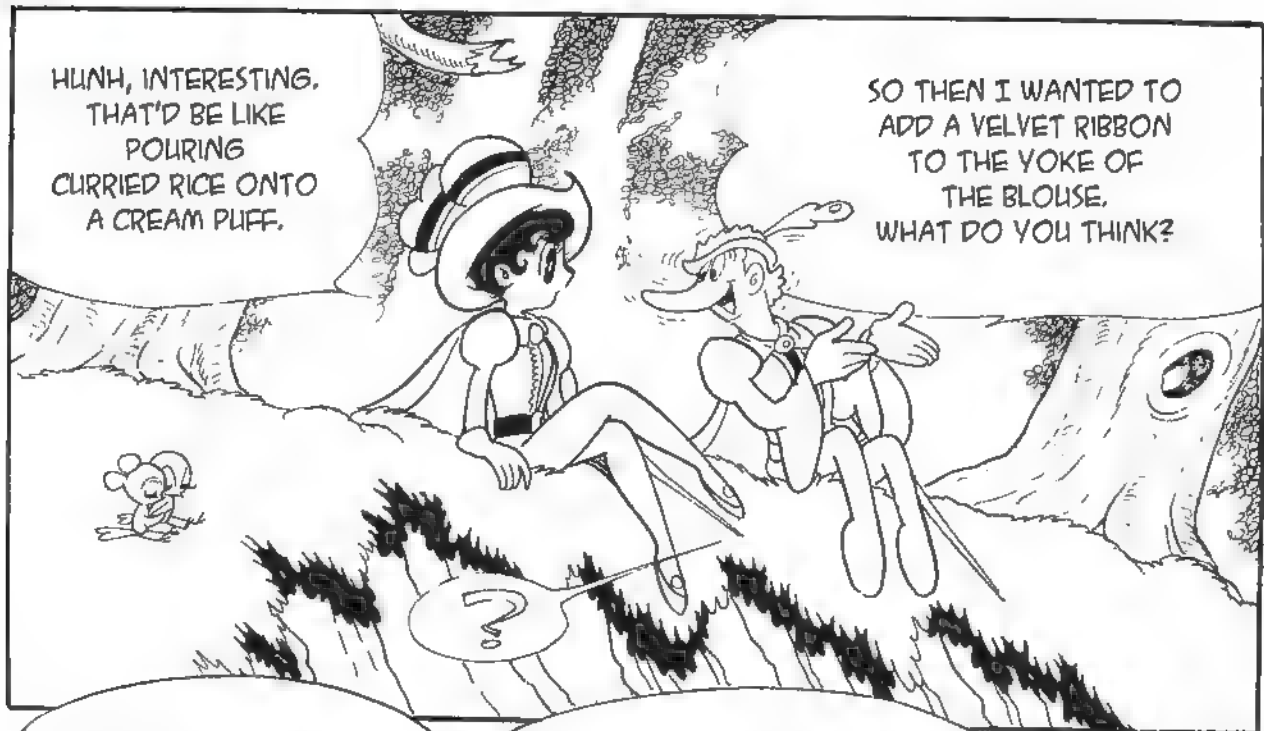


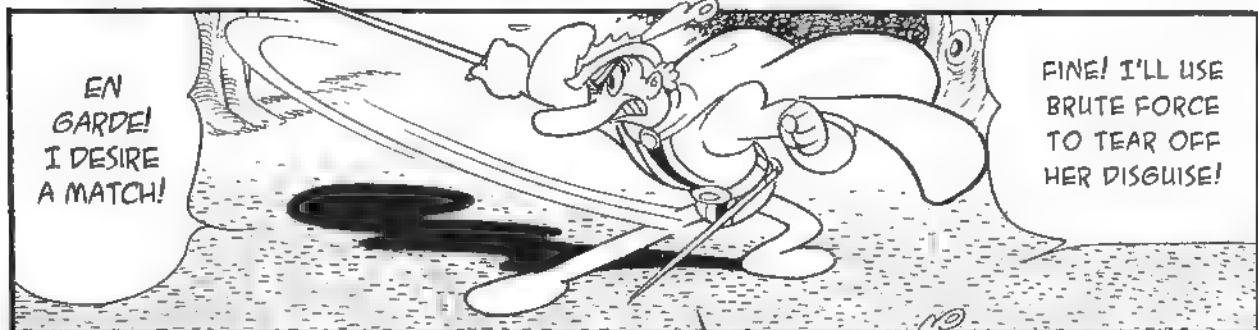


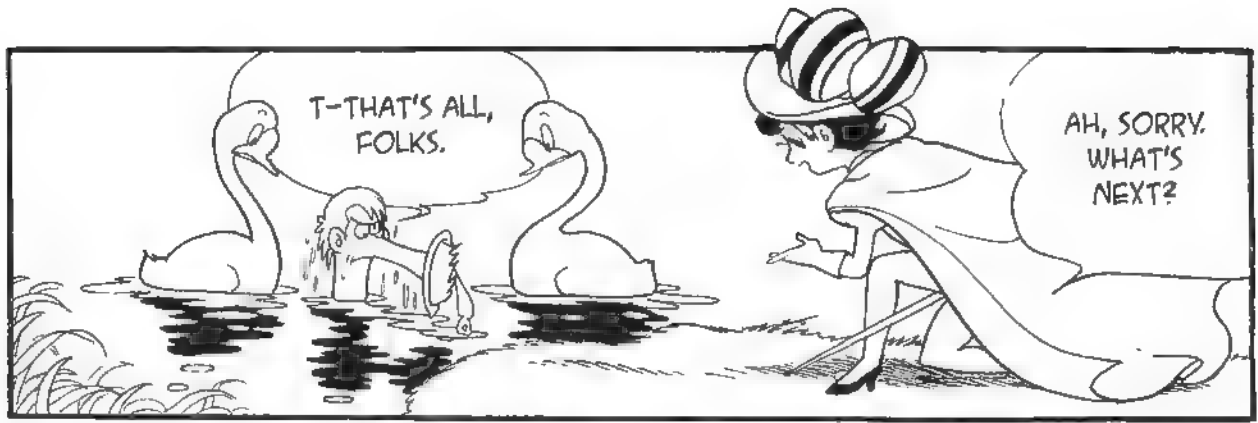




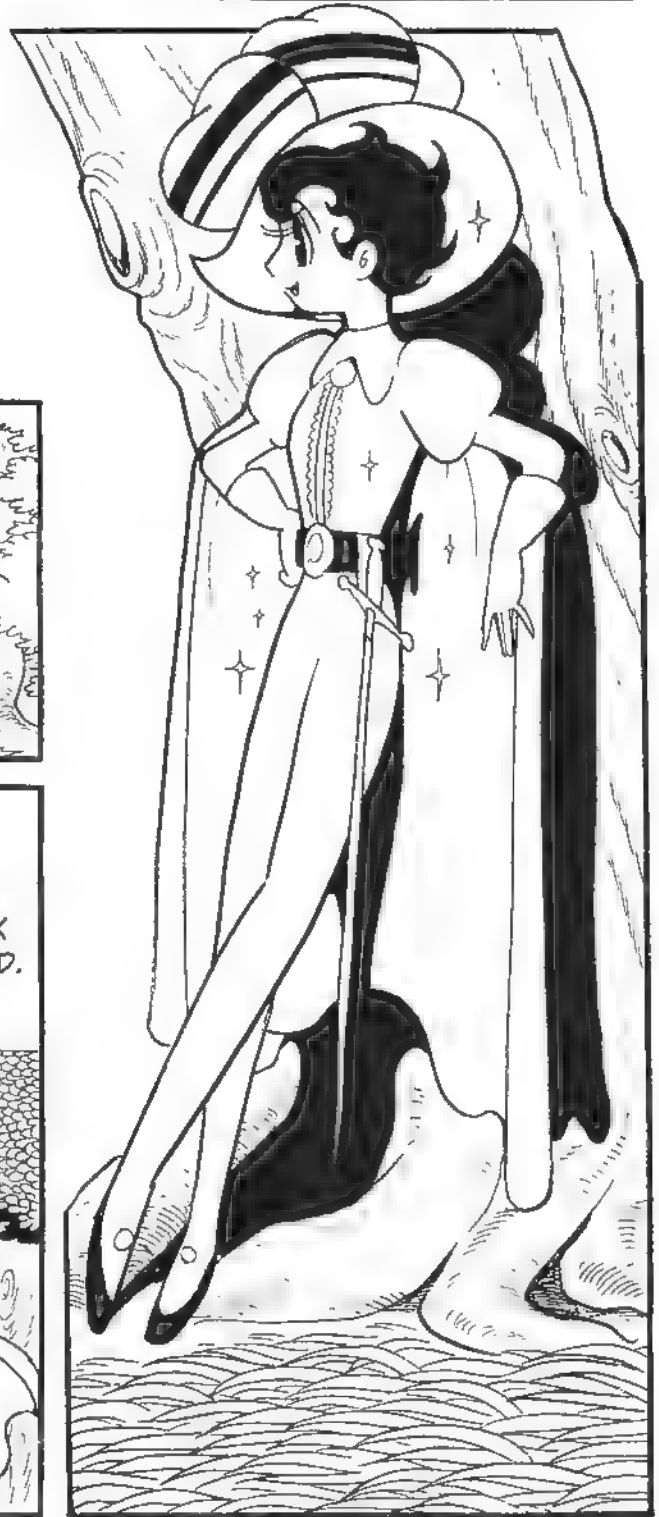


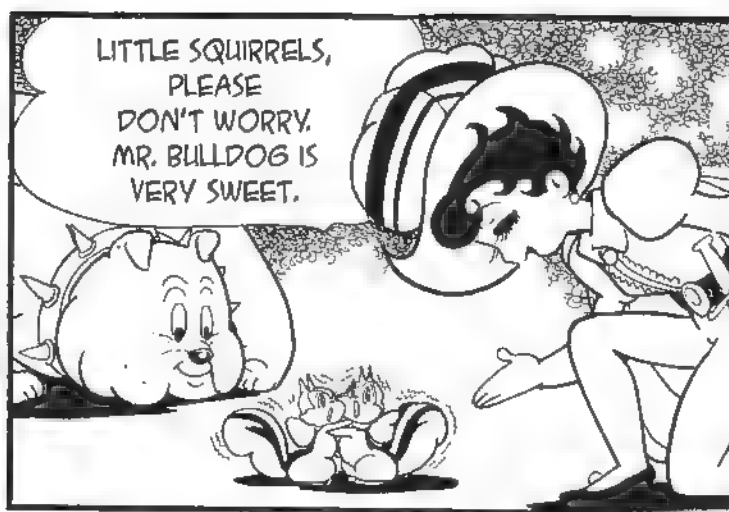


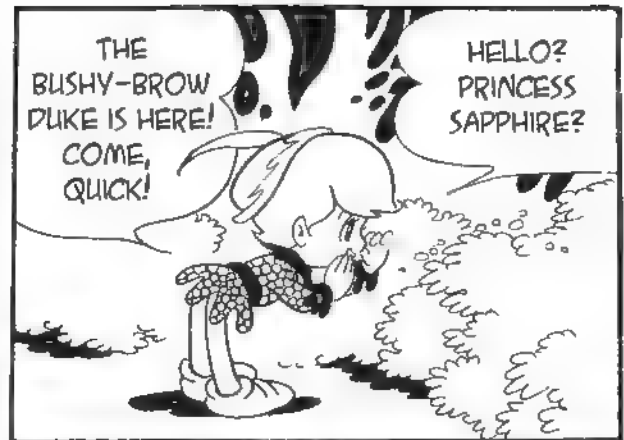




GO TO THE DUKE AND
TELL HIM TO SEND
SOMEONE A LITTLE
STRONGER NEXT TIME.
HA HA HA!

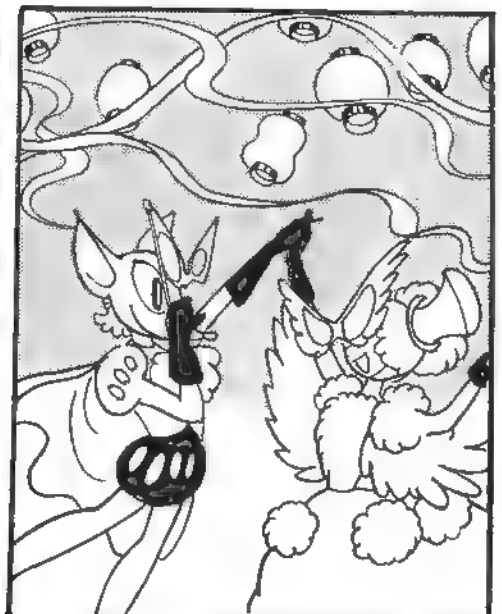






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The Carnival

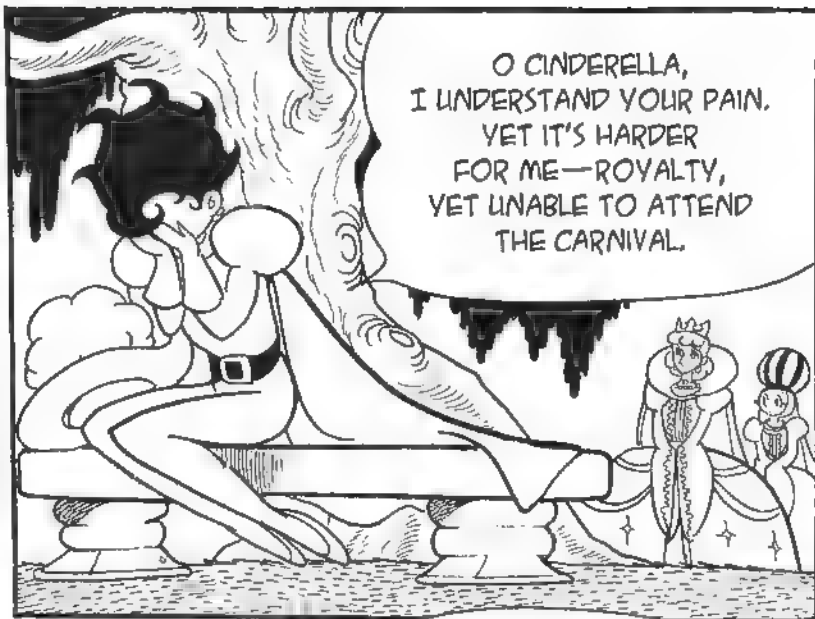




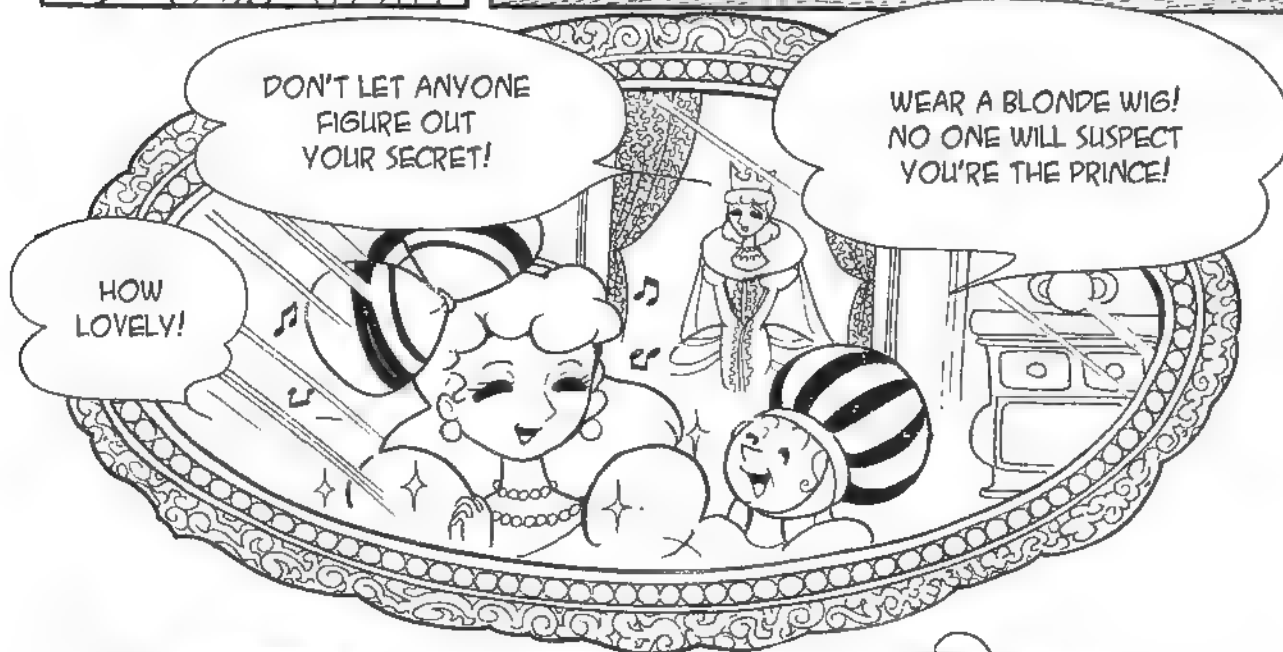


IT ONLY
HAPPENS
ONCE
A YEAR.
GO TO
THE
CARNIVAL!

O WHAT
HORRIBLE
FATE TO HAVE
BEEN BORN
THUS!
"WAIL"



O CINDERELLA,
I UNDERSTAND YOUR PAIN.
YET IT'S HARDER
FOR ME—ROYALTY,
YET UNABLE TO ATTEND
THE CARNIVAL.



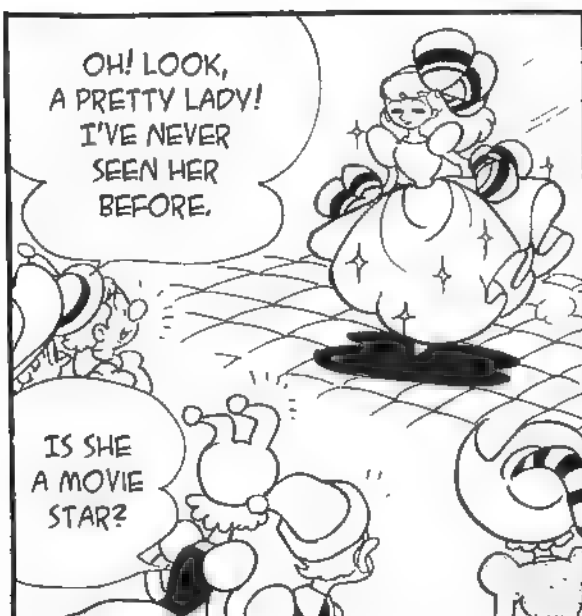
DON'T LET ANYONE
FIGURE OUT
YOUR SECRET!

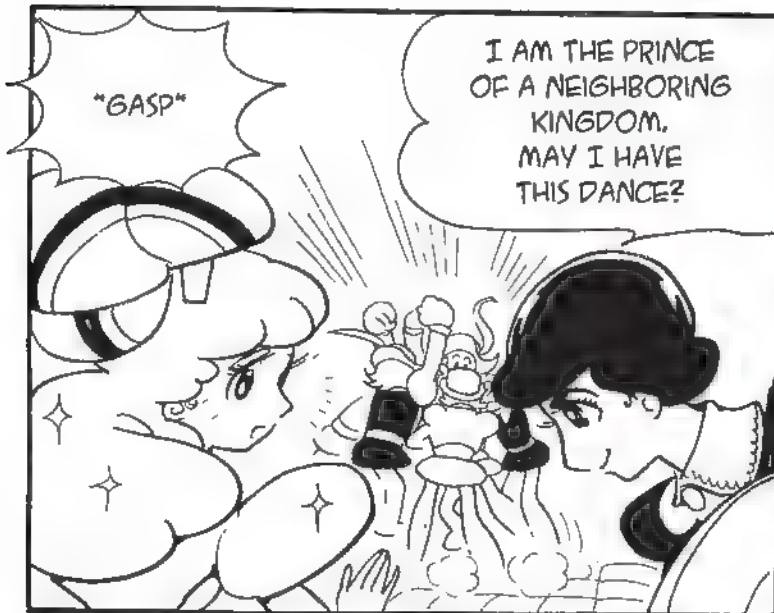
WEAR A BLONDE WIG!
NO ONE WILL SUSPECT
YOU'RE THE PRINCE!

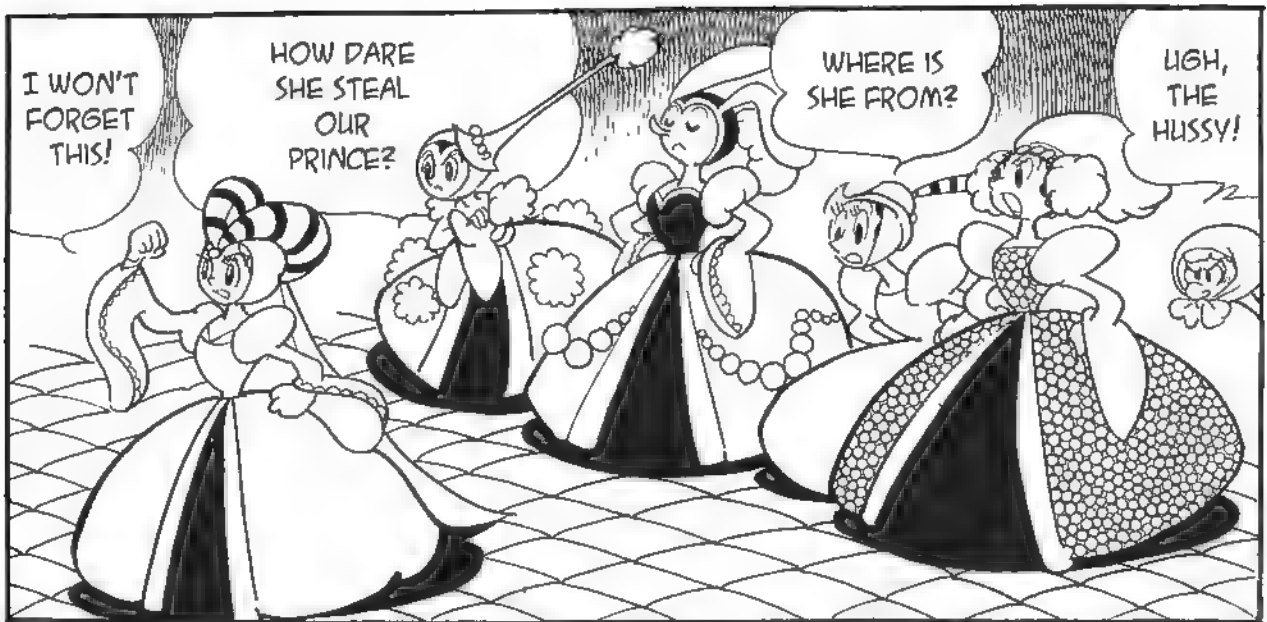
HOW
LOVELY!

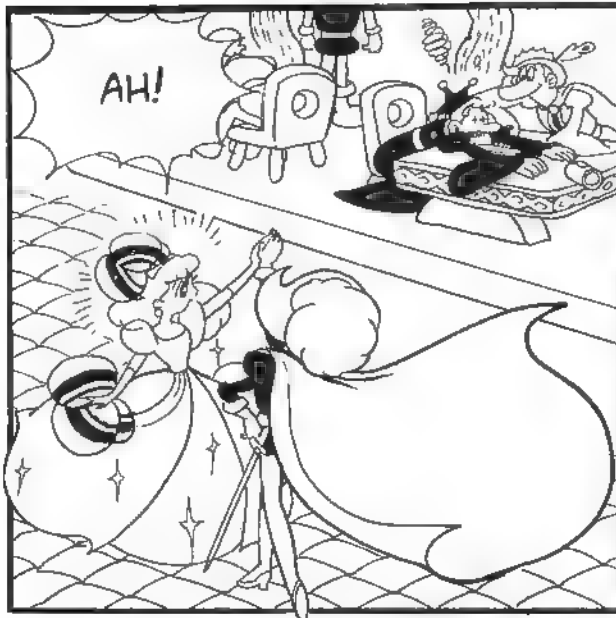


WHAT DO
YOU THINK,
MOTHER?







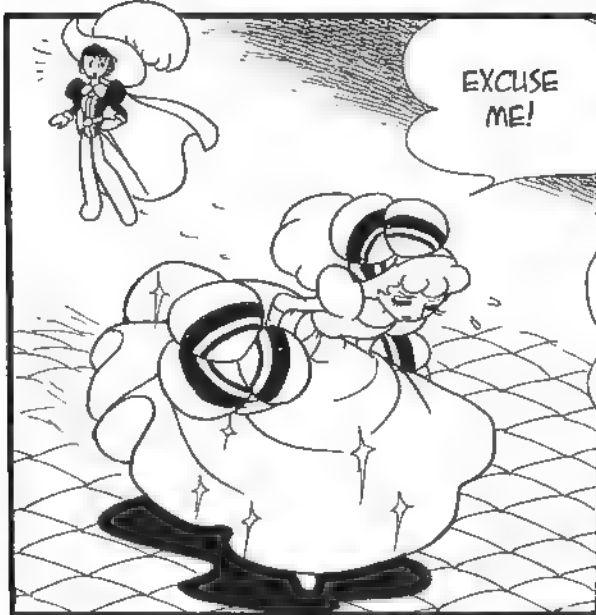


AH!

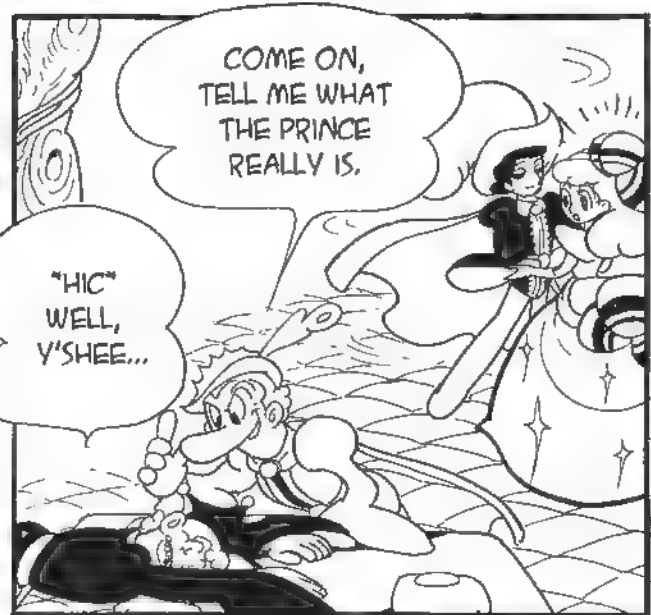


I-I
CANNOT.
FORGIVE
ME.

YOU'RE A
RARE BIRD.
TELL ME WHO
YOU ARE.



EXCUSE
ME!



COME ON,
TELL ME WHAT
THE PRINCE
REALLY IS.

"HIC"
WELL,
V'SHEE...



HERE,

WE'VE GOT
TO TEACH
HER
MANNERS!

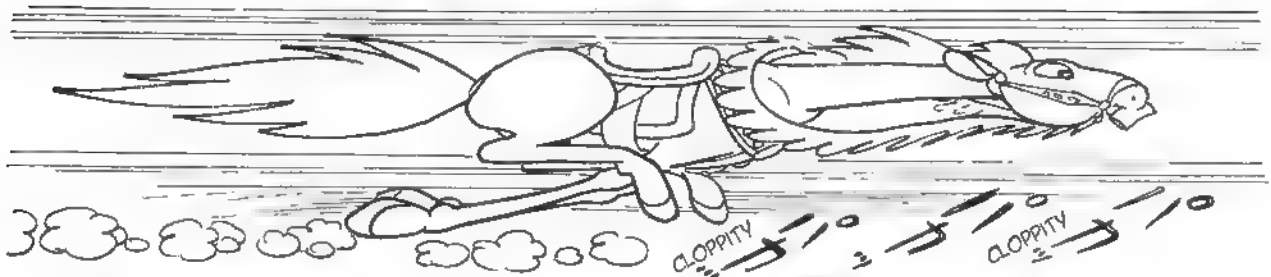
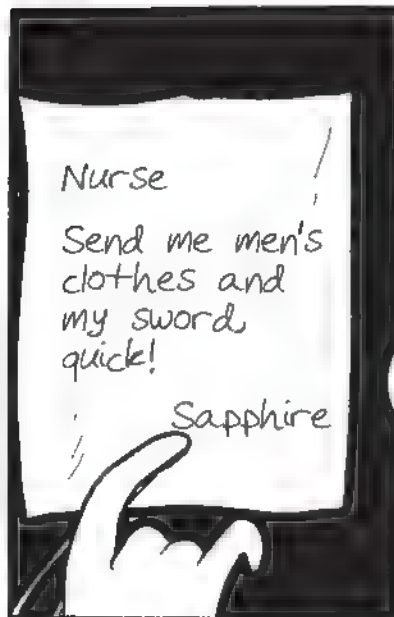
HERE
!

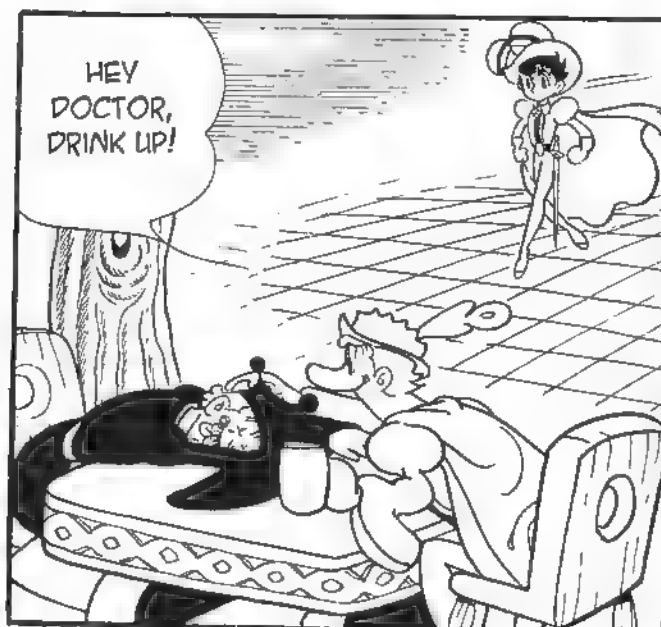
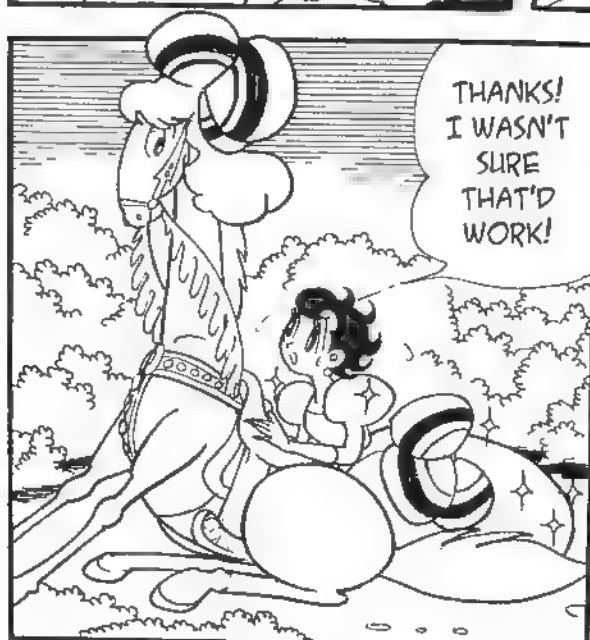
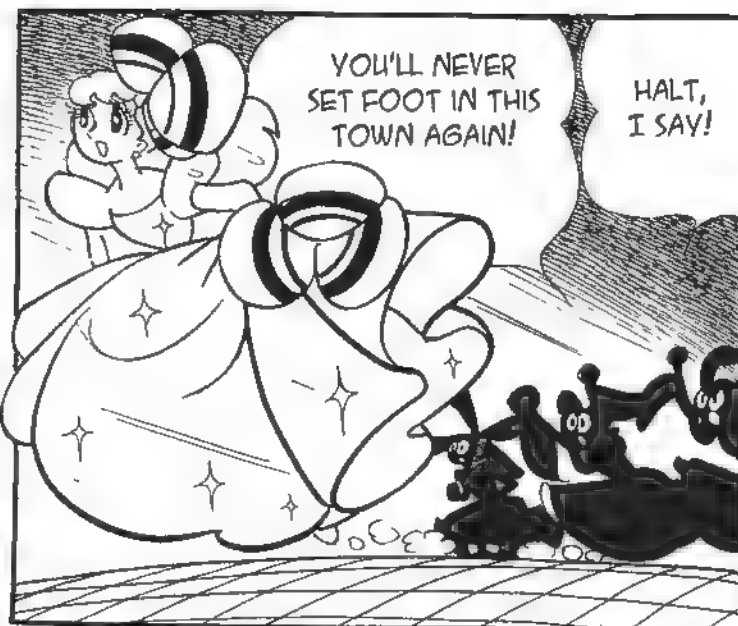
LOOK!
SHE RAN
AWAY!

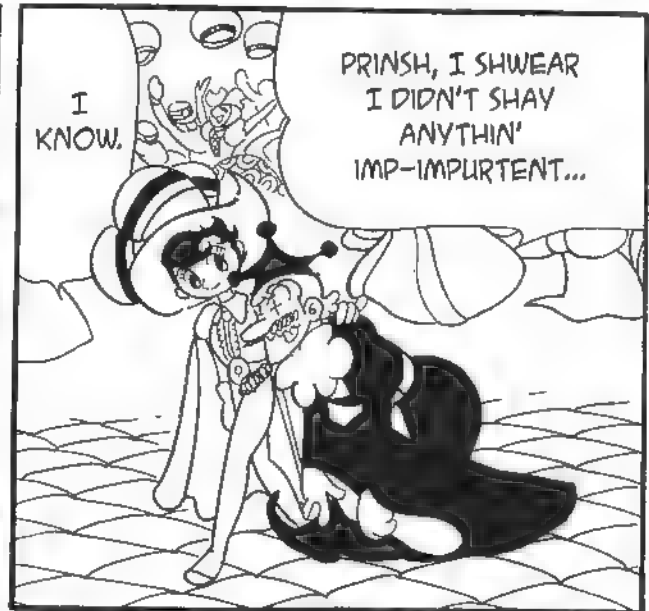
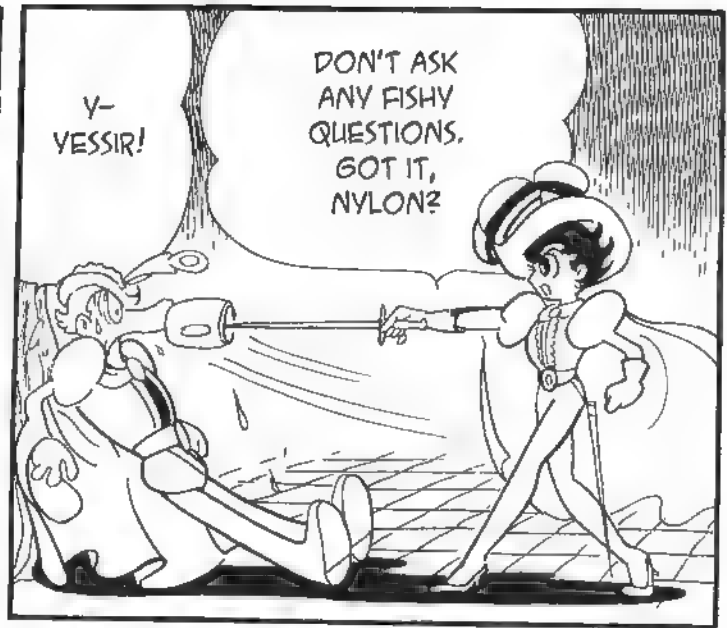


HAVE I
OFFENDED
YOU?

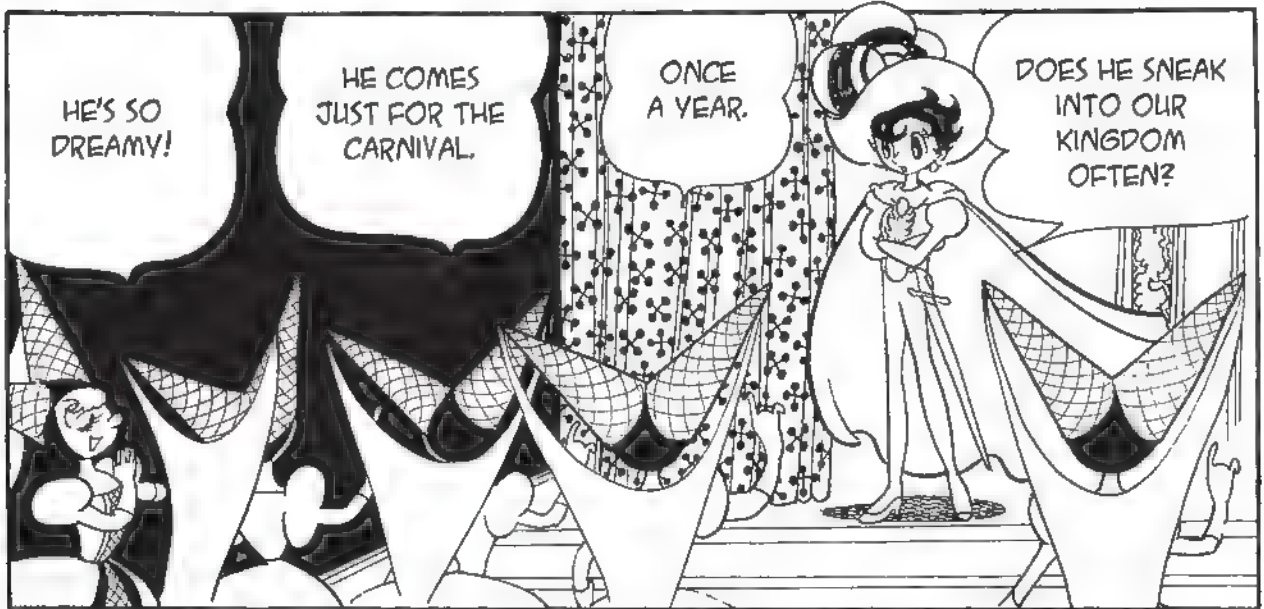
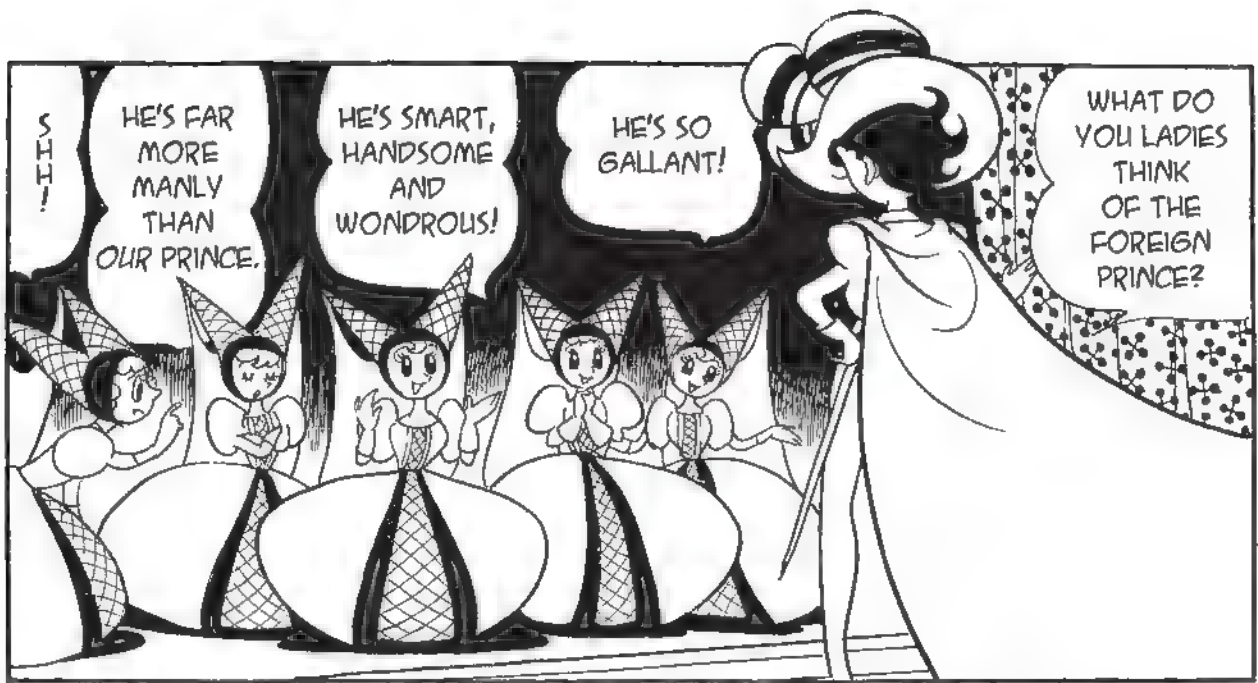
WAIT!
WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING?





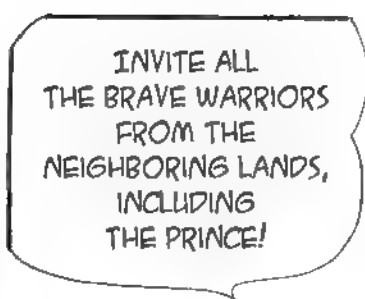








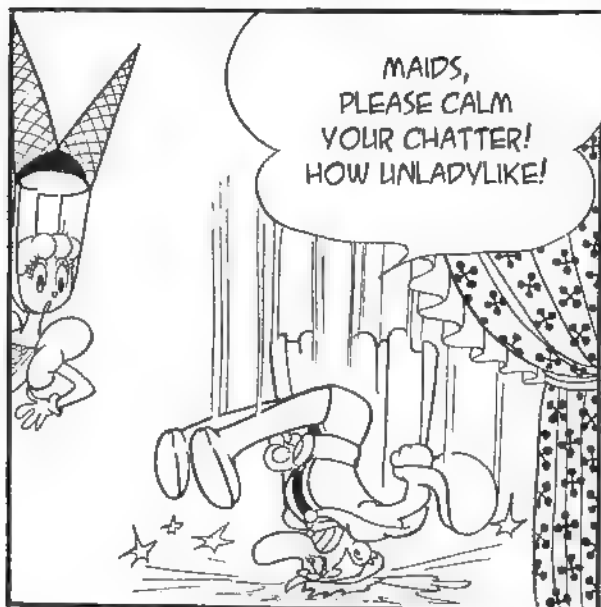
GOOD
IDEA!
LET'S
DO IT!



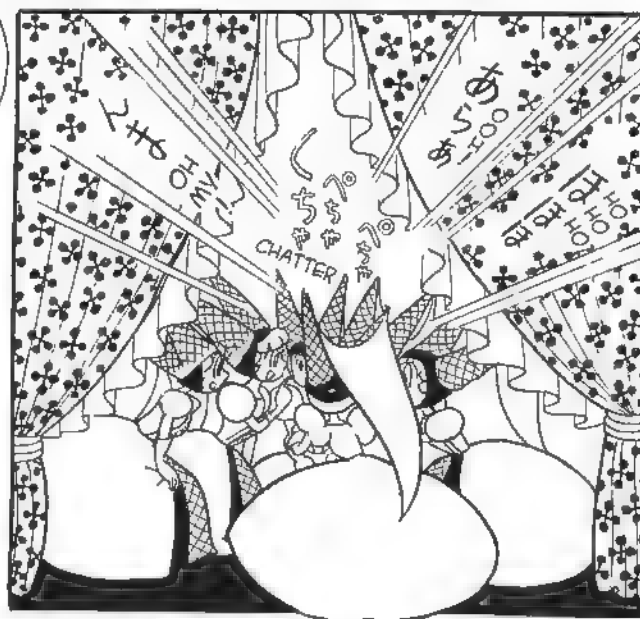
INVITE ALL
THE BRAVE WARRIORS
FROM THE
NEIGHBORING LANDS,
INCLUDING
THE PRINCE!



I HAVE A THOUGHT!
WHY NOT HOLD
A TOURNAMENT?



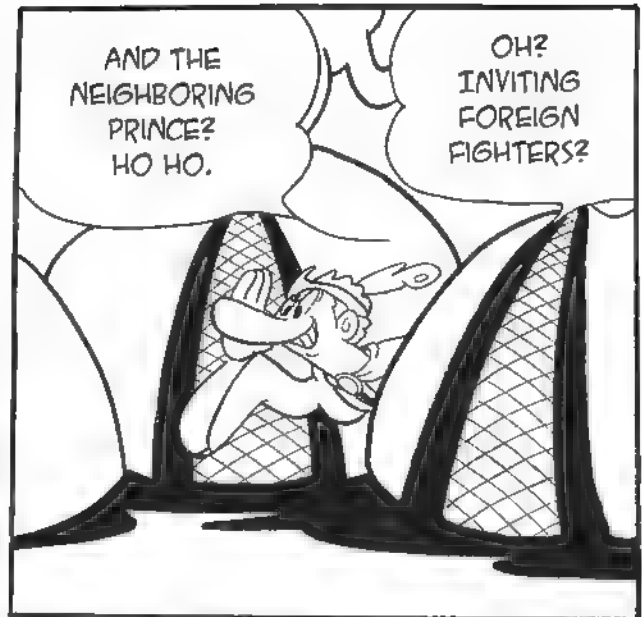
MAIDS,
PLEASE CALM
YOUR CHATTER!
HOW UNLADYLIKE!



AH, SORRY
I GOT ANGRY.
TELL ME MORE
ABOUT THIS PLAN.



WHAT?
THE PRINCE IS
PLANNING
A FENCING
TOURNAMENT?

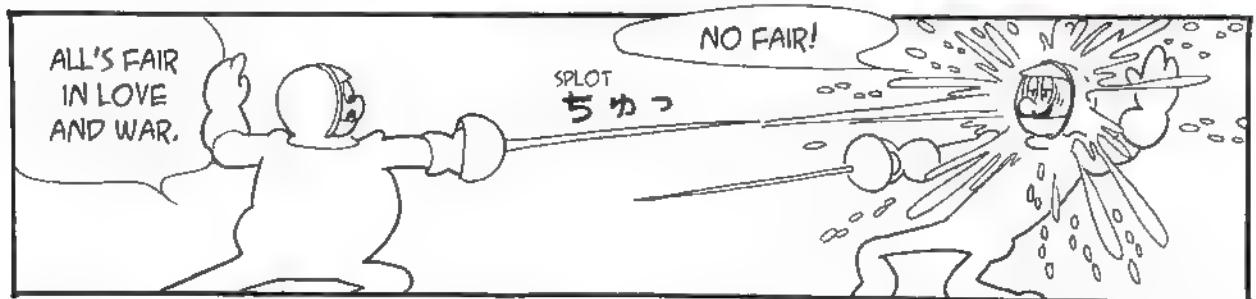
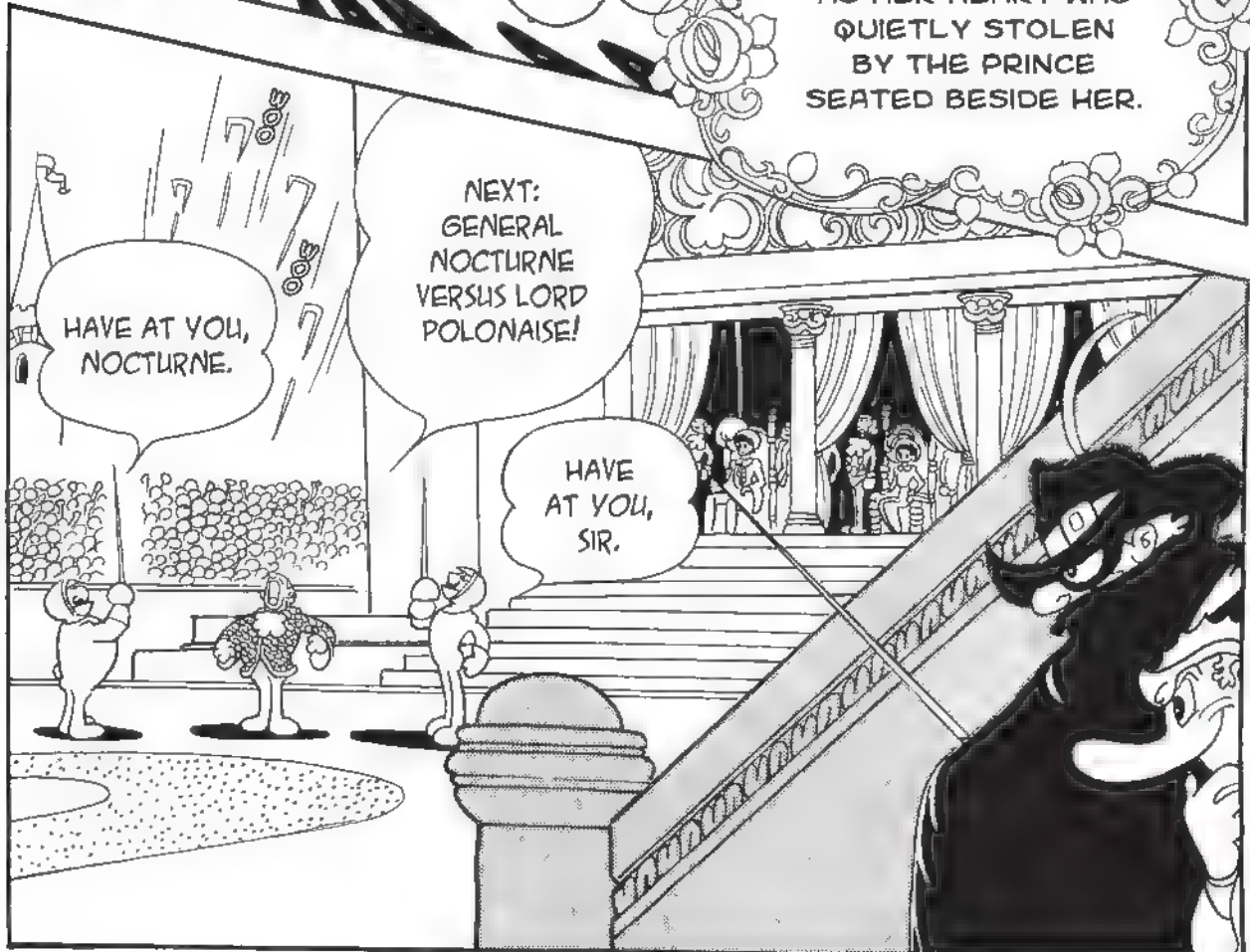


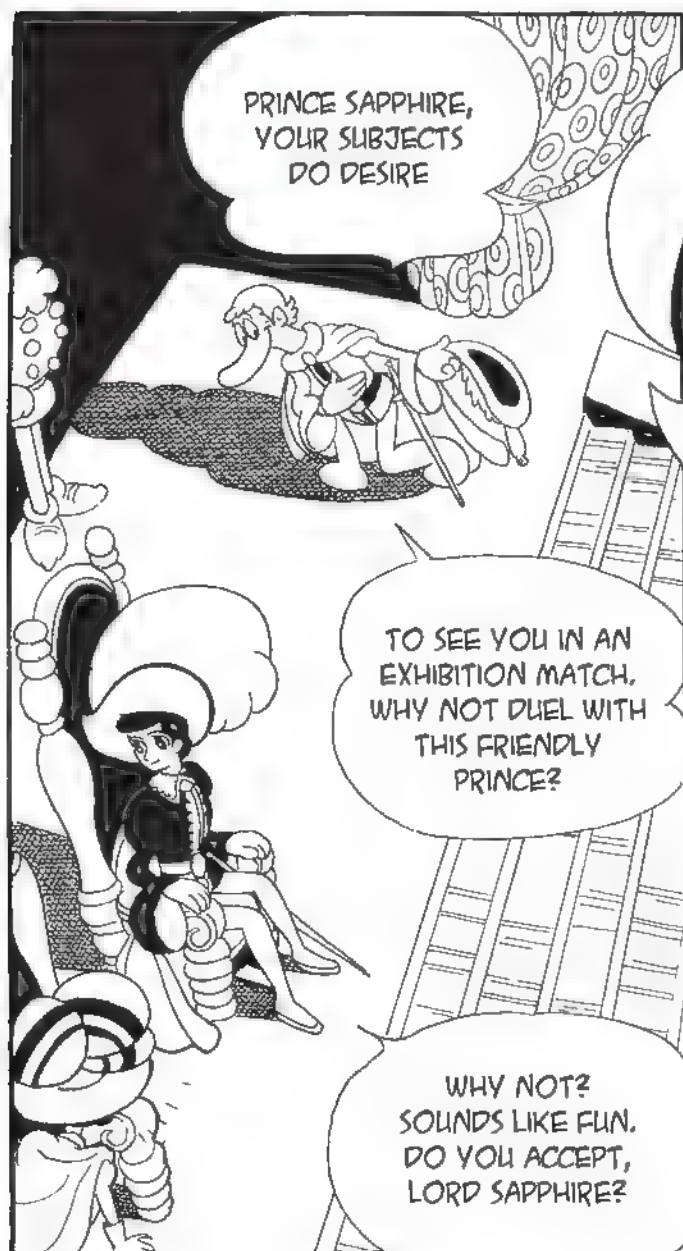
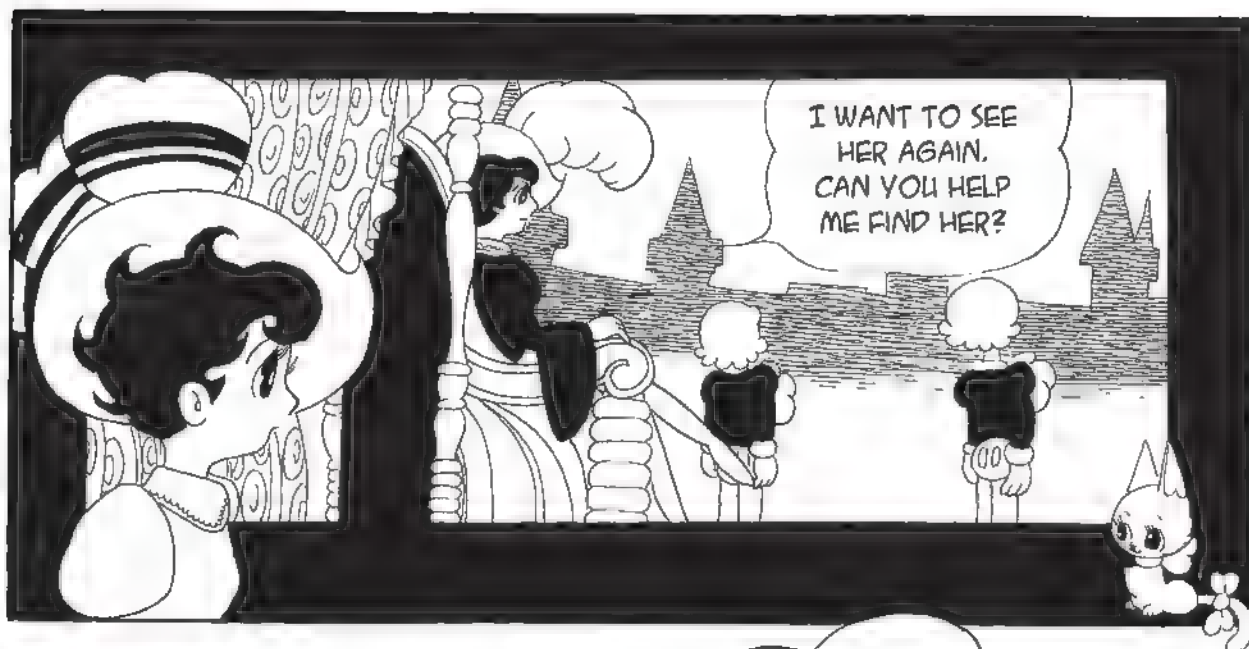
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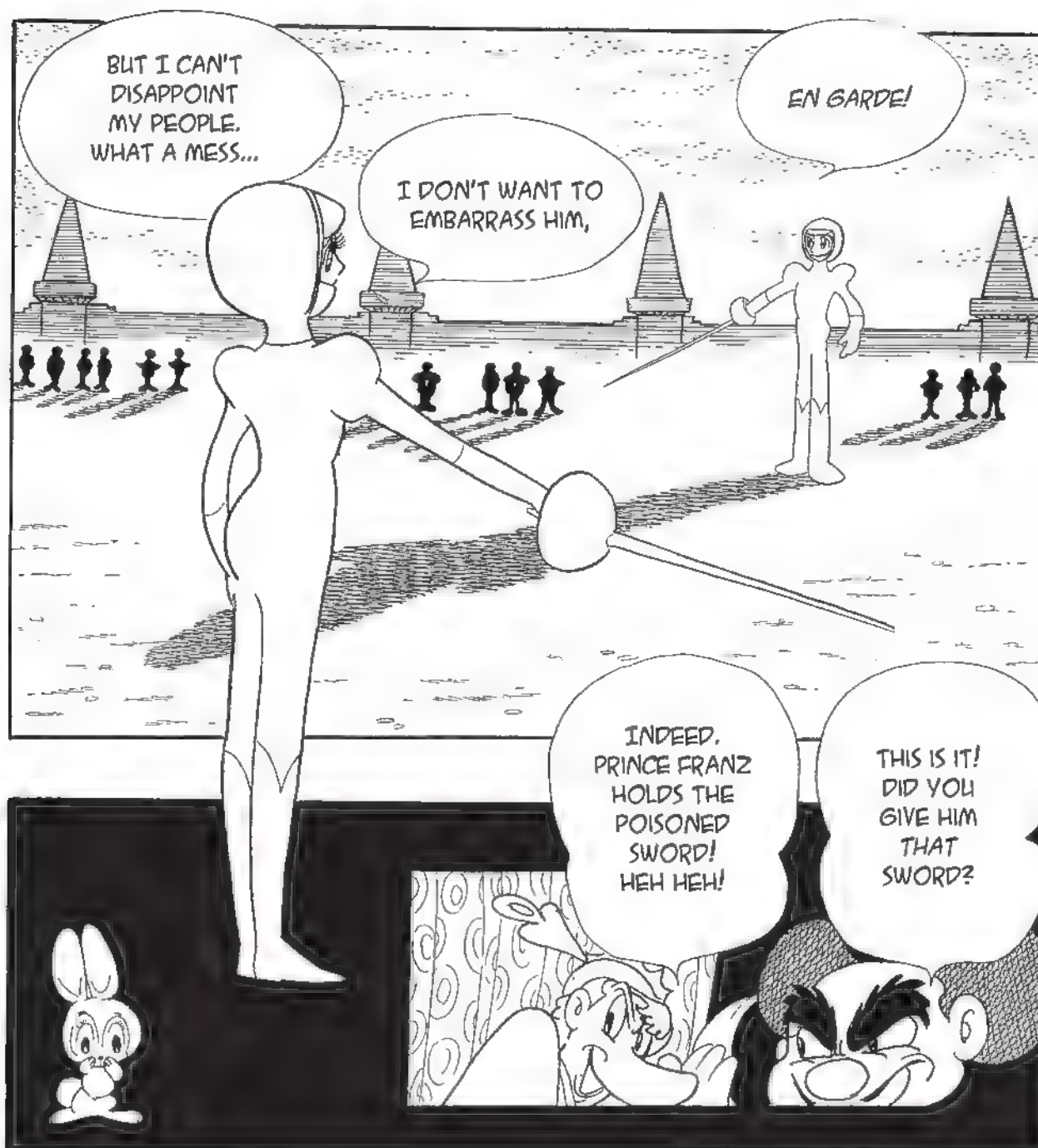
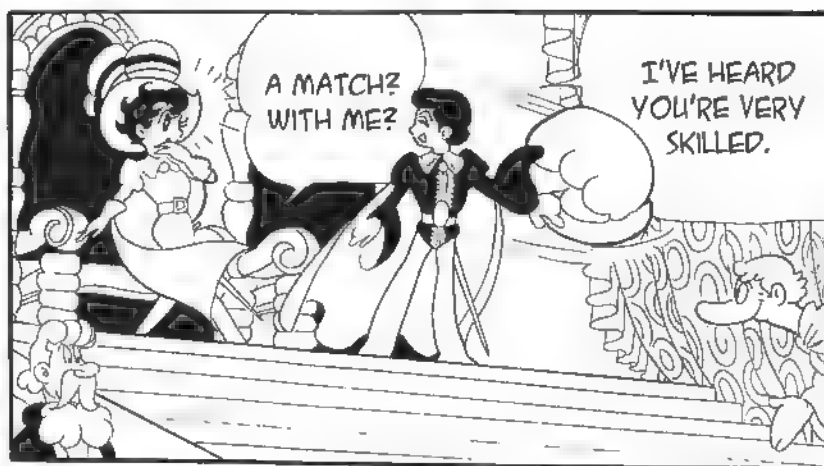
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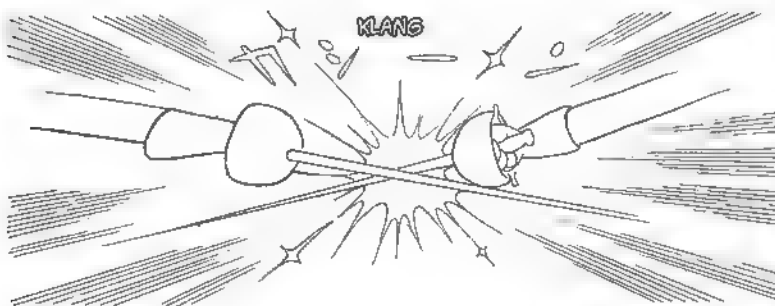
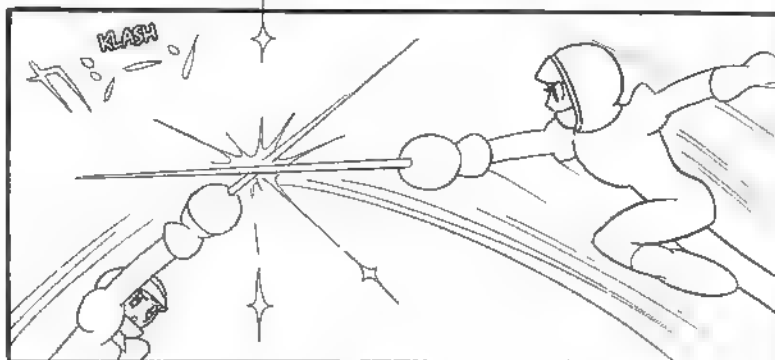
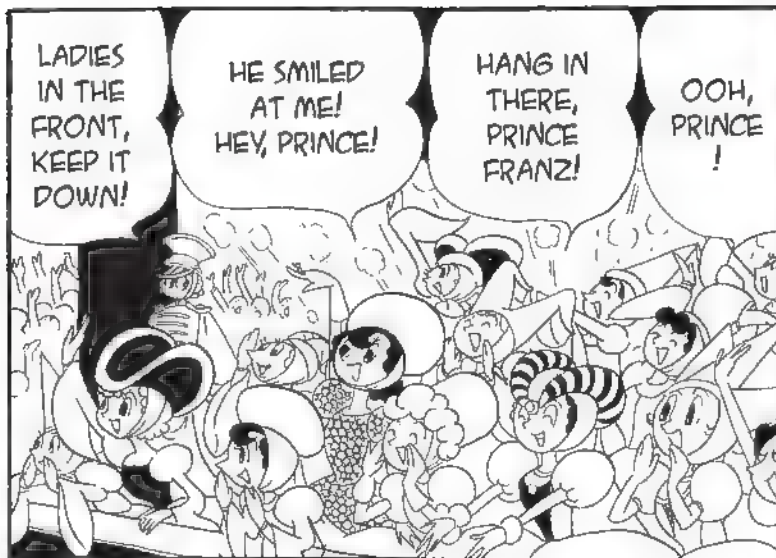


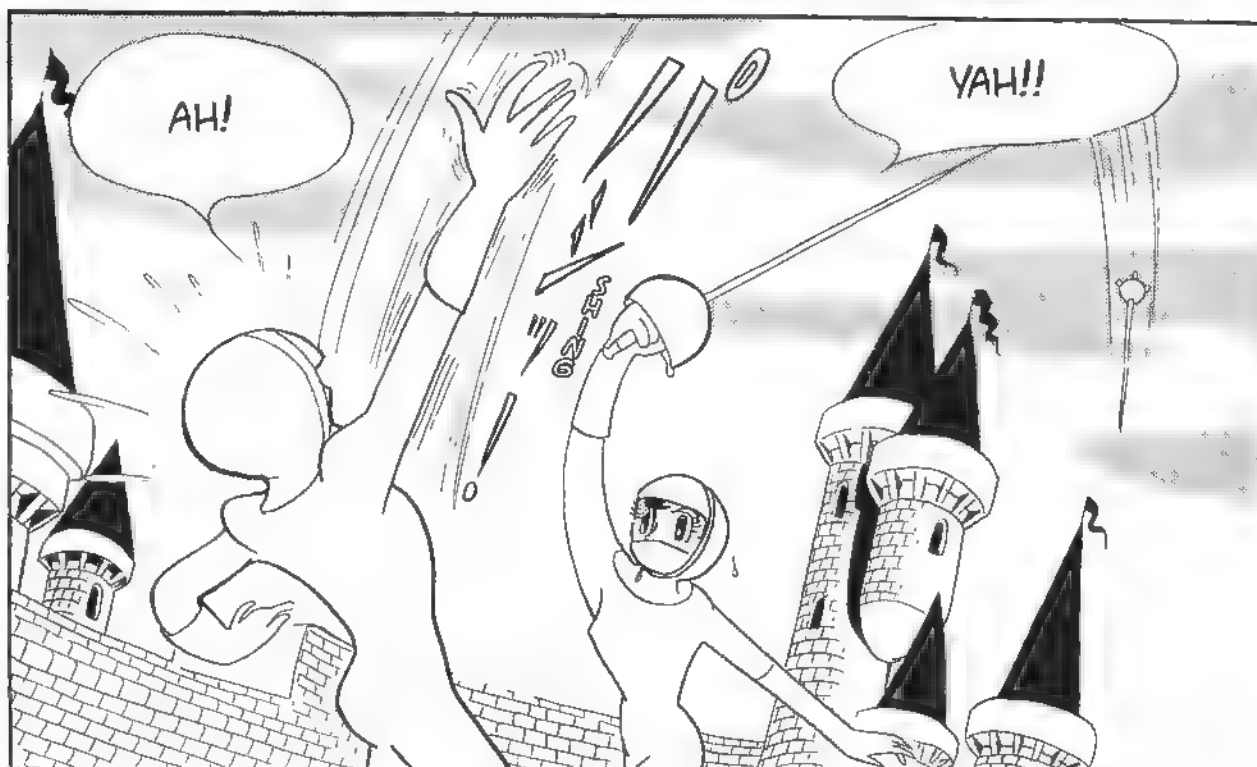
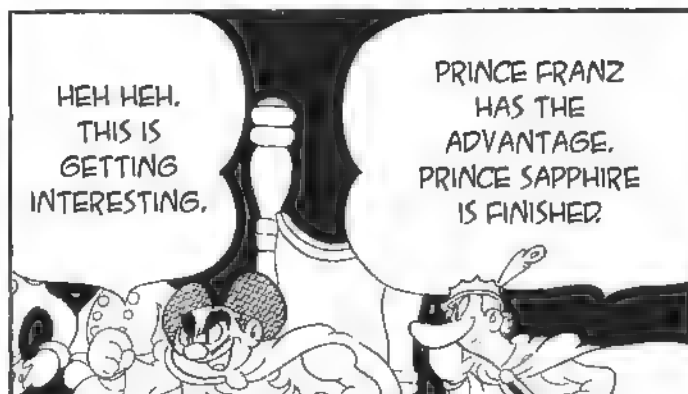
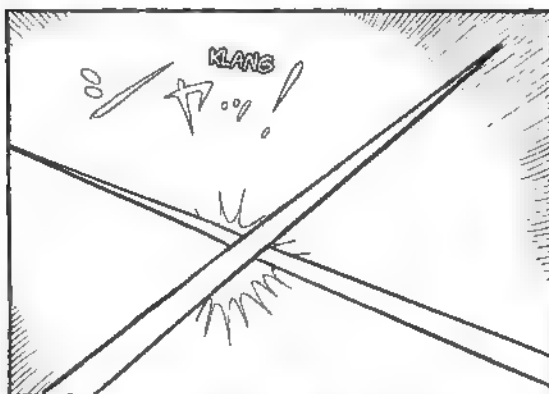
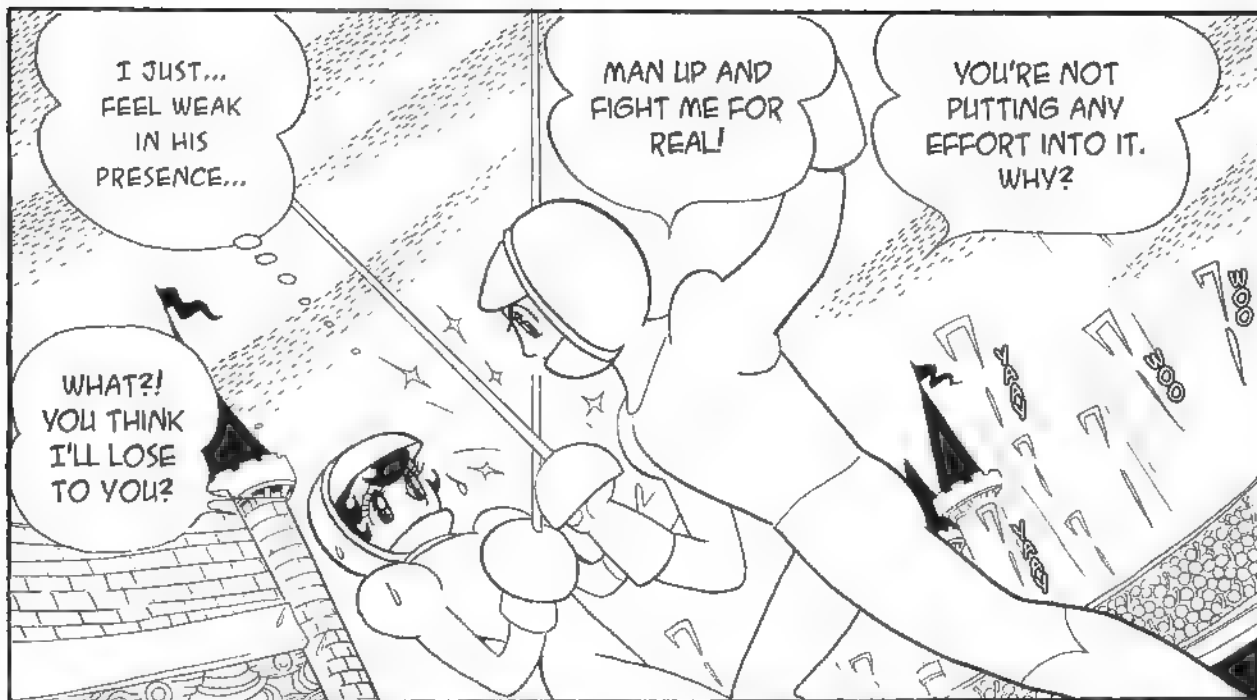
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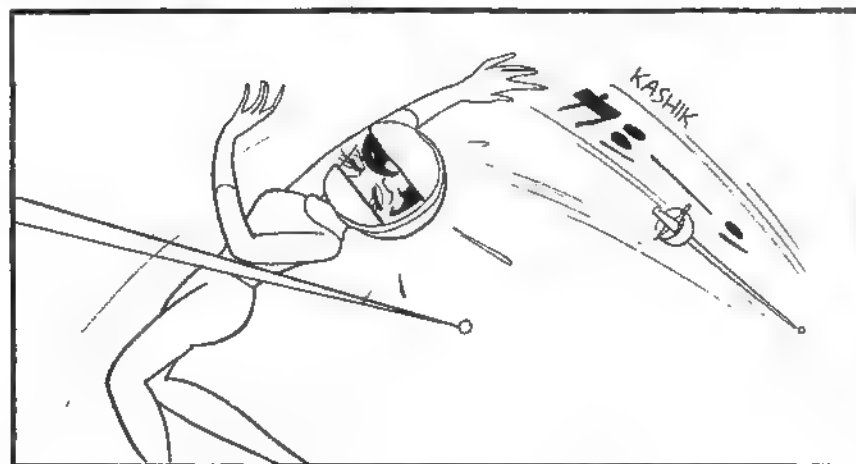
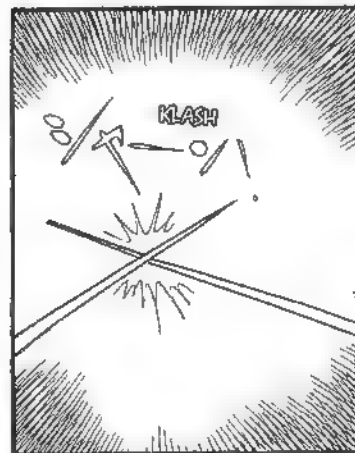
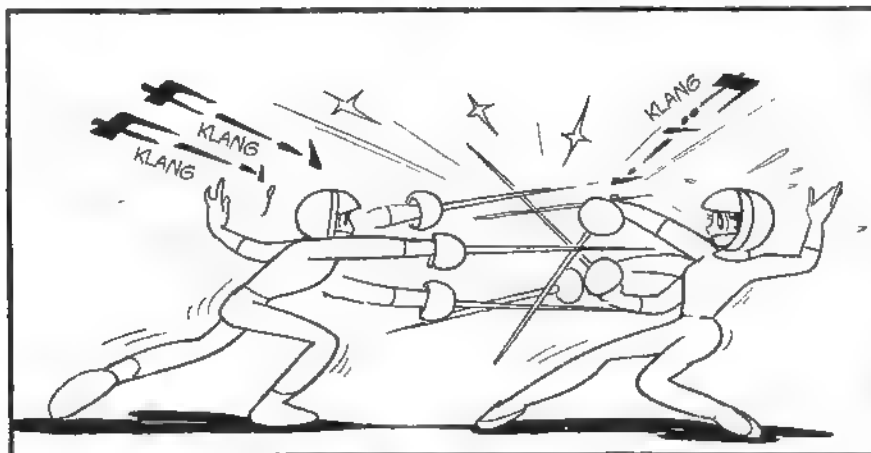


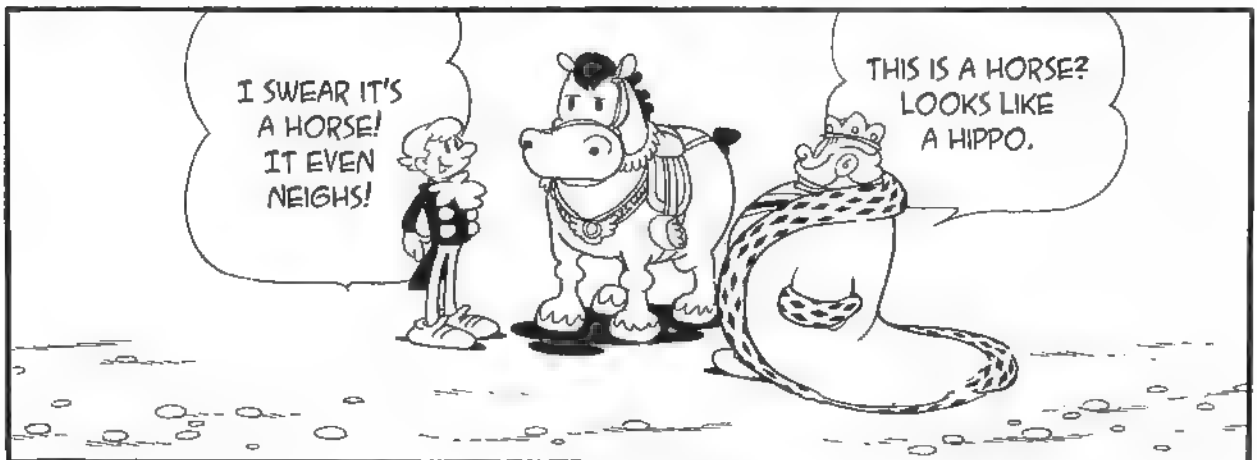


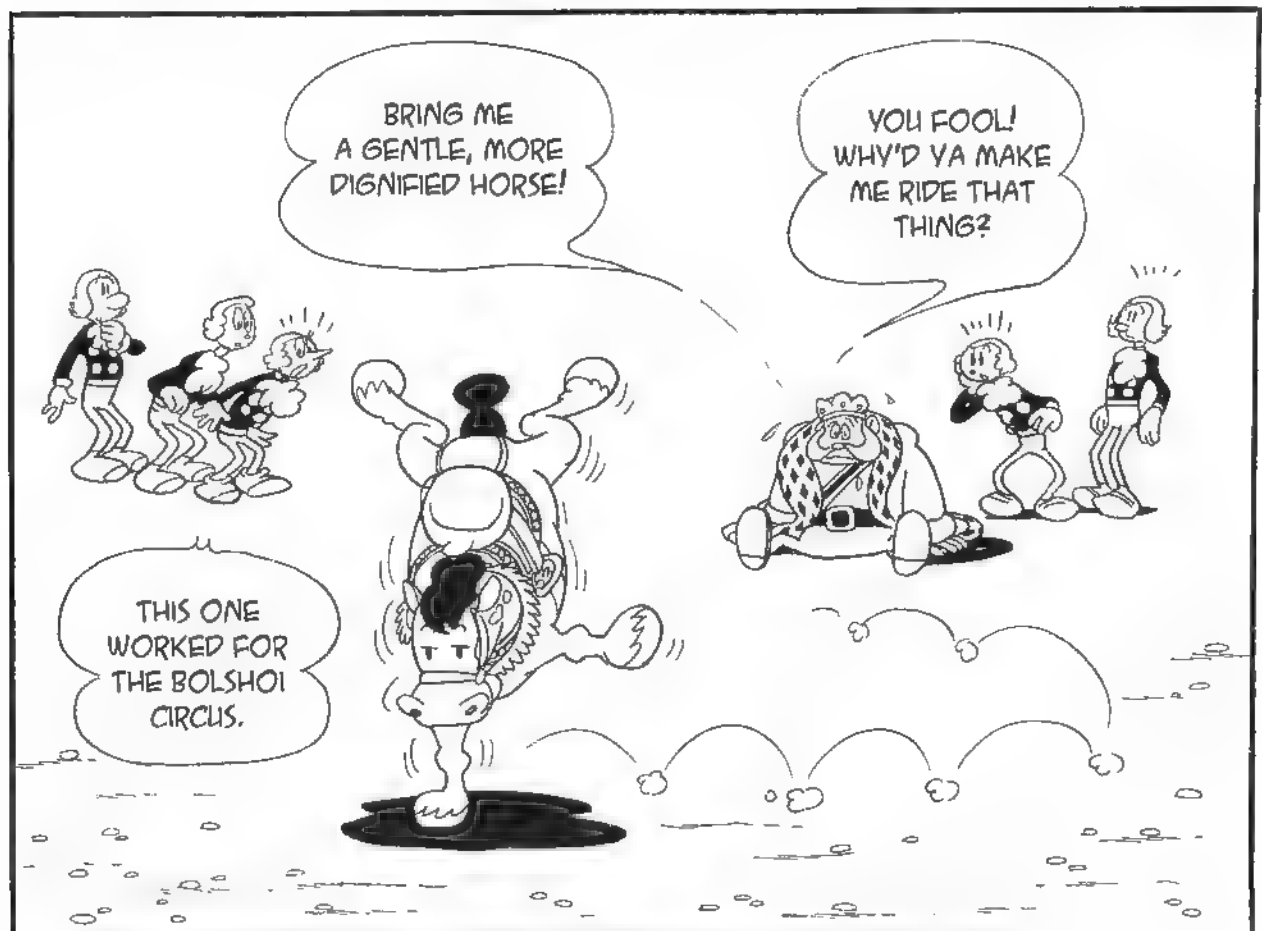
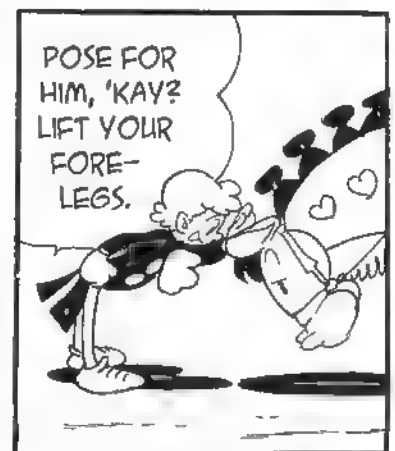
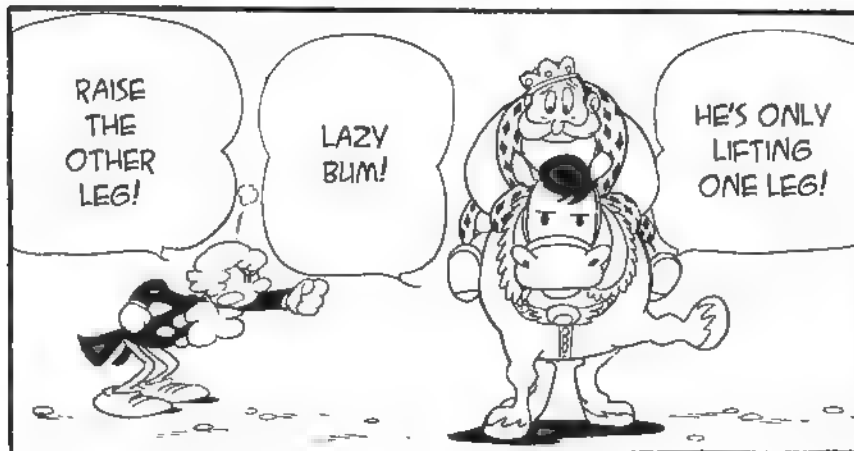
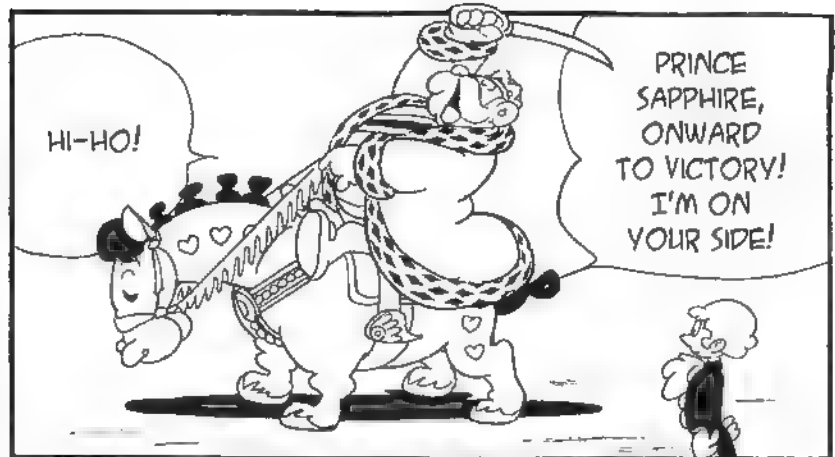


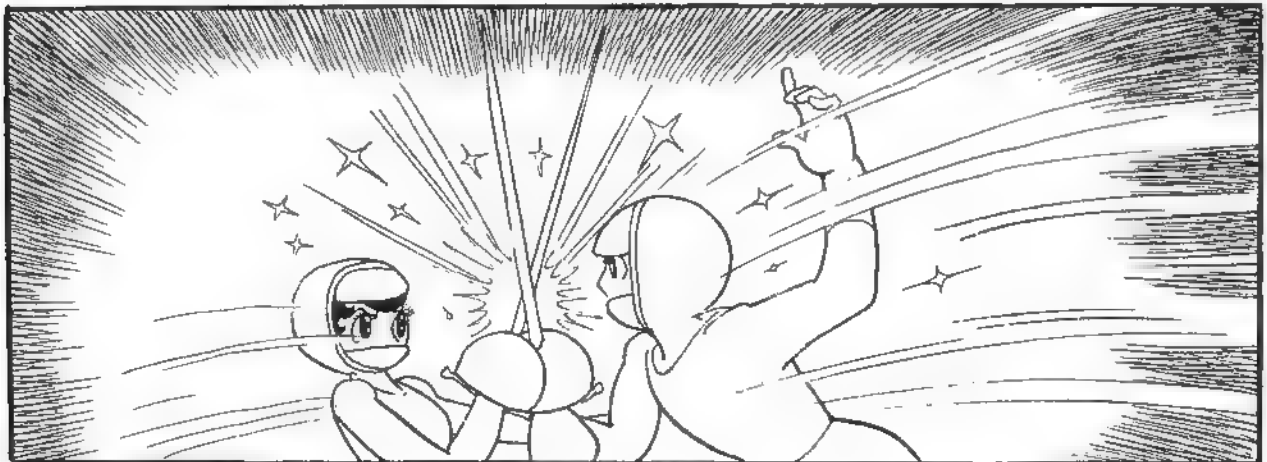
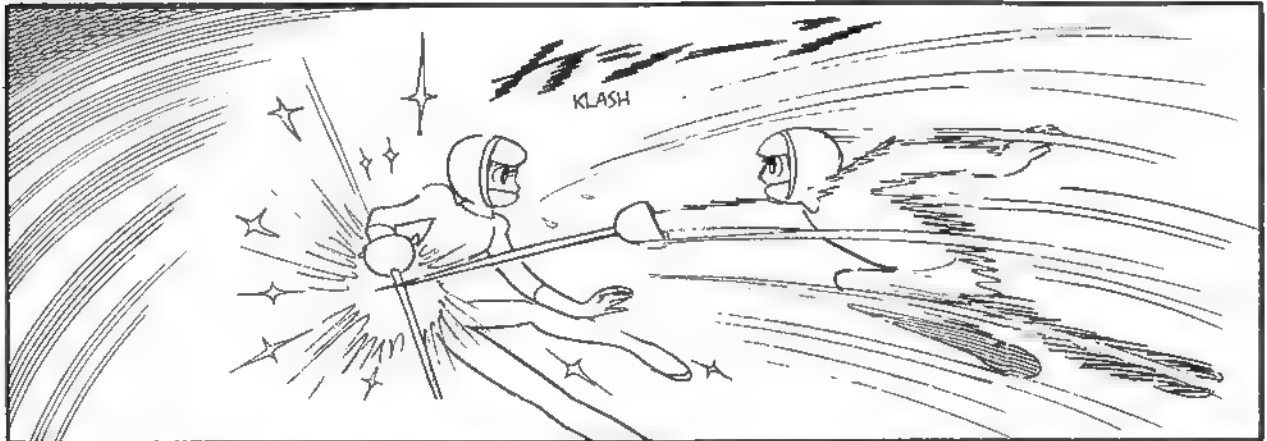
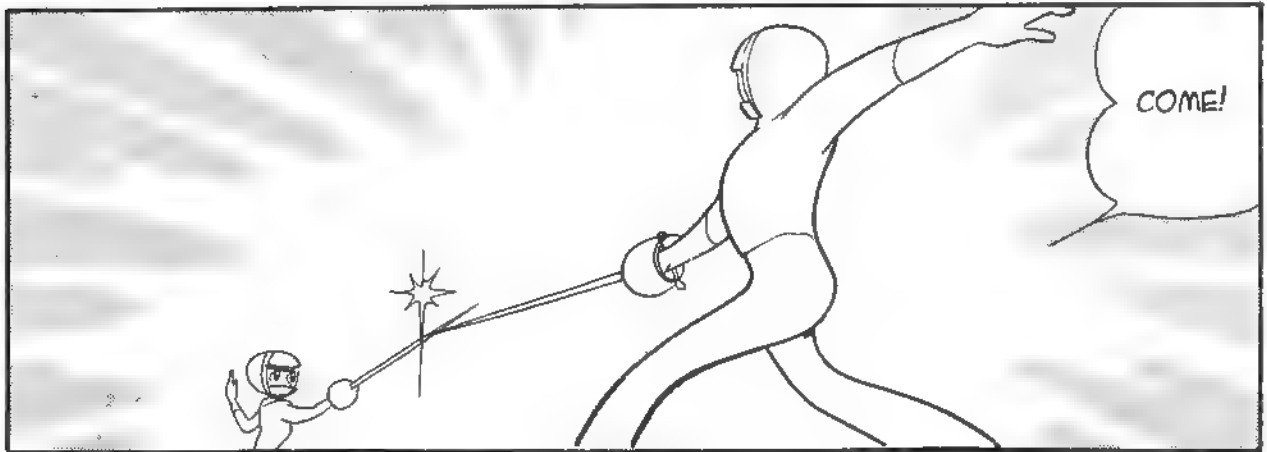
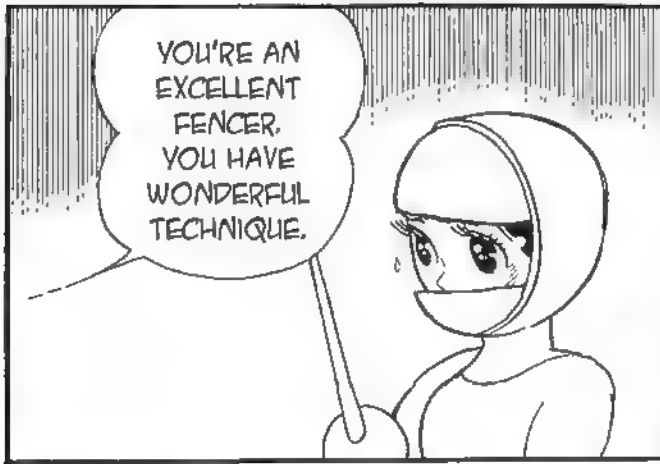


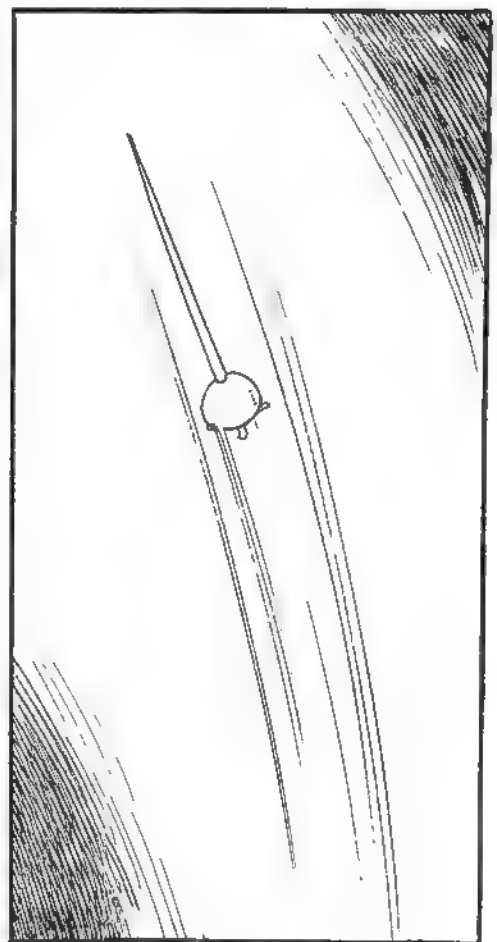
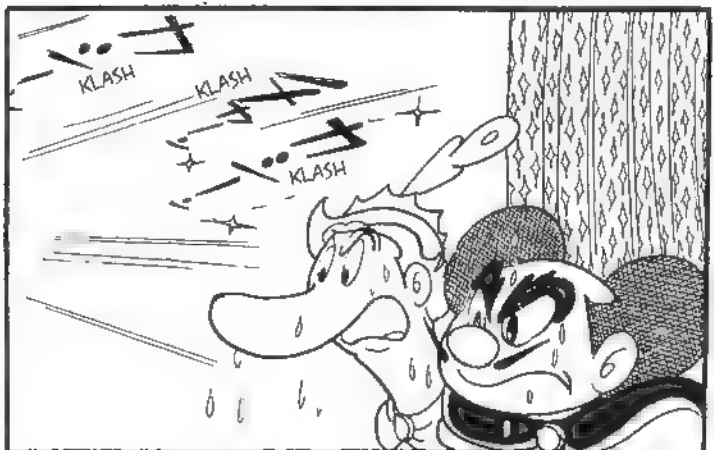
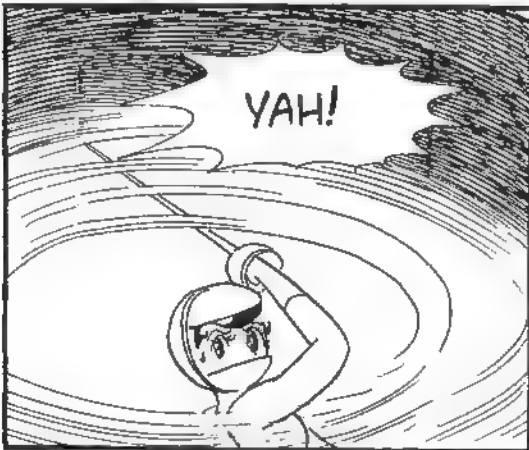
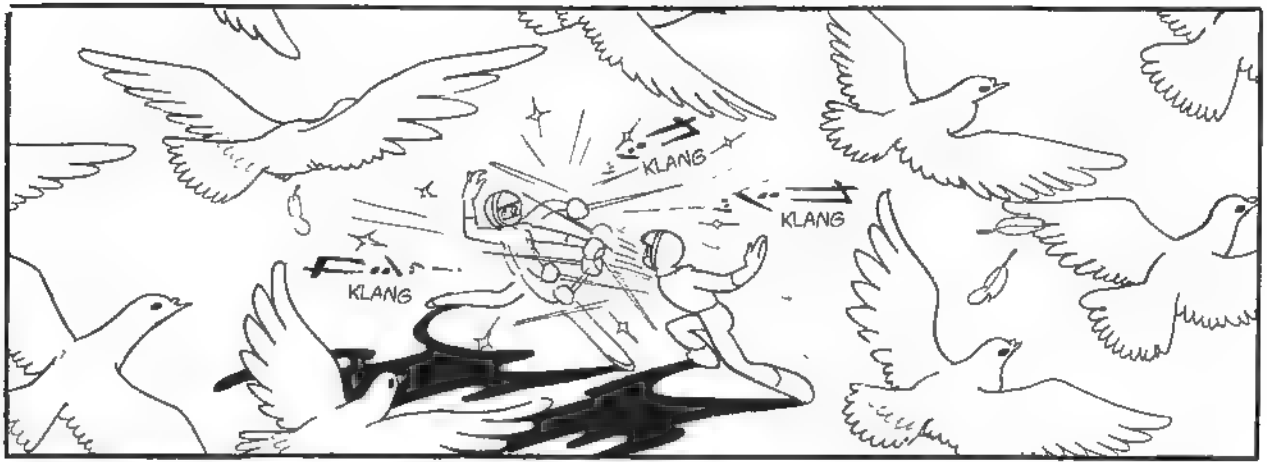


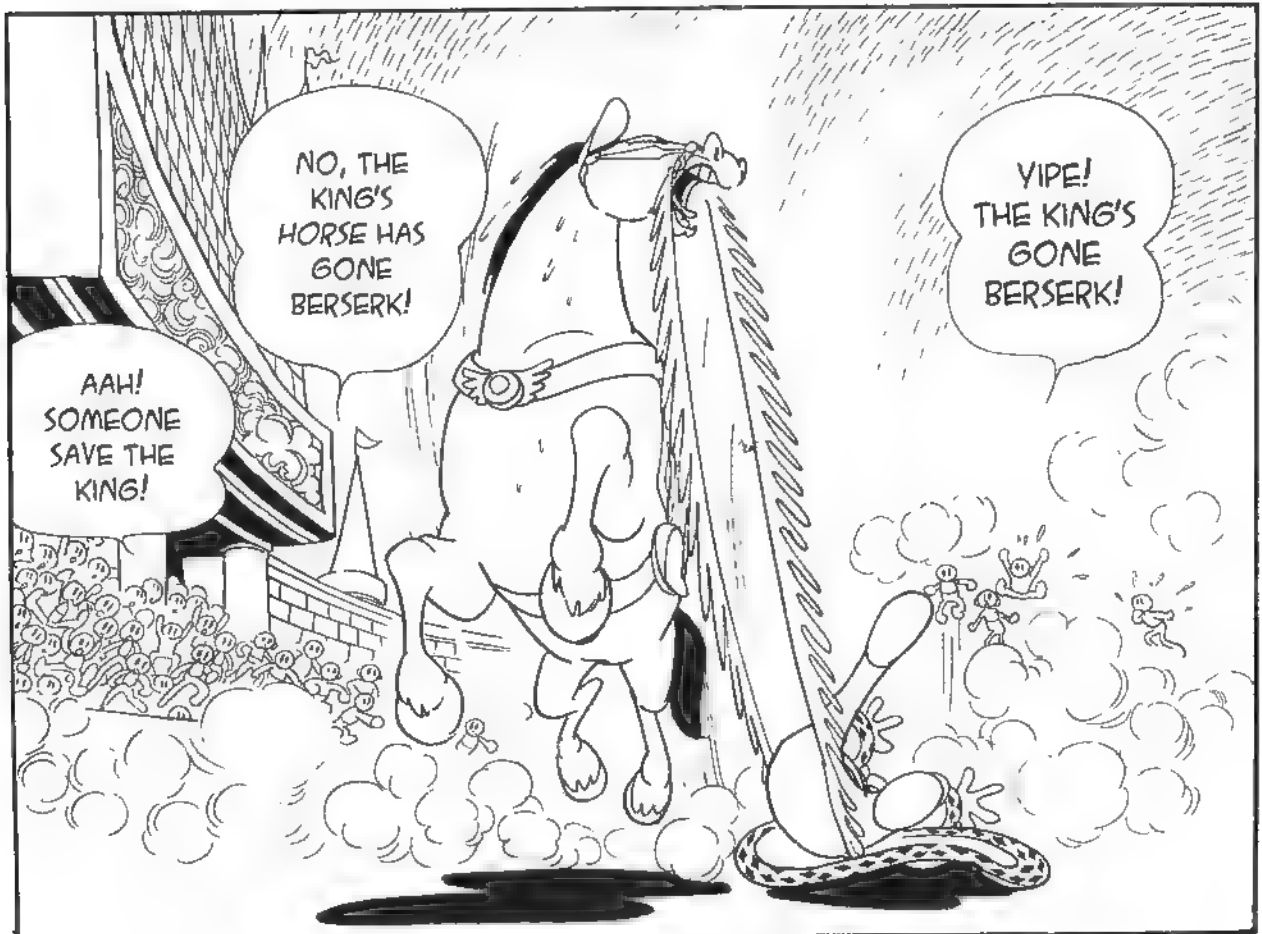
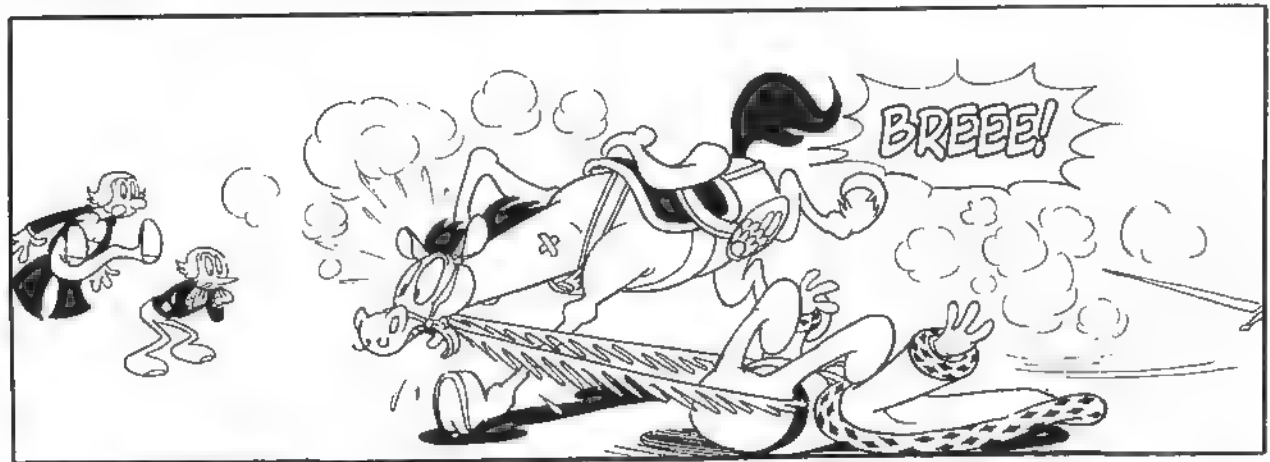
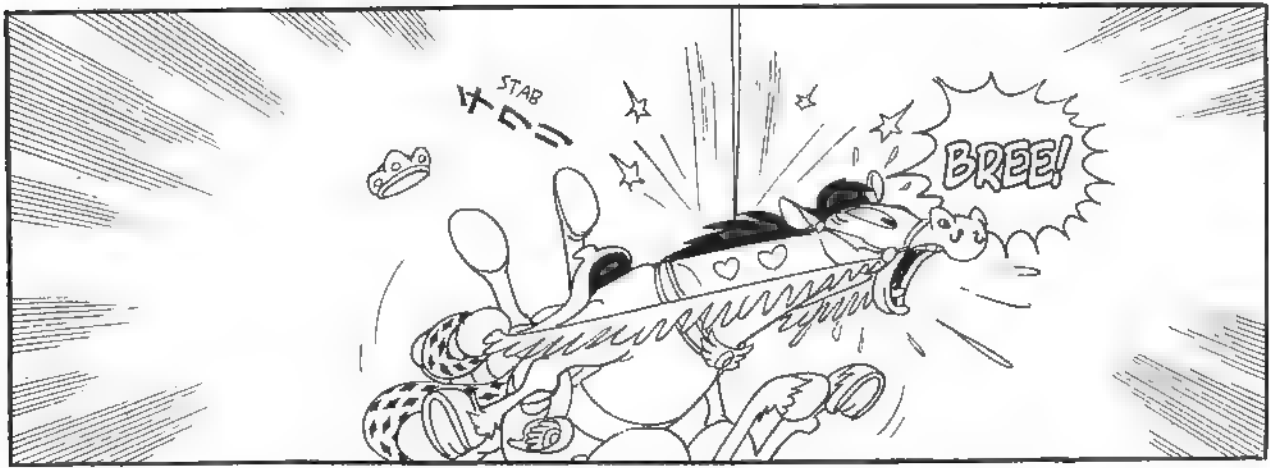


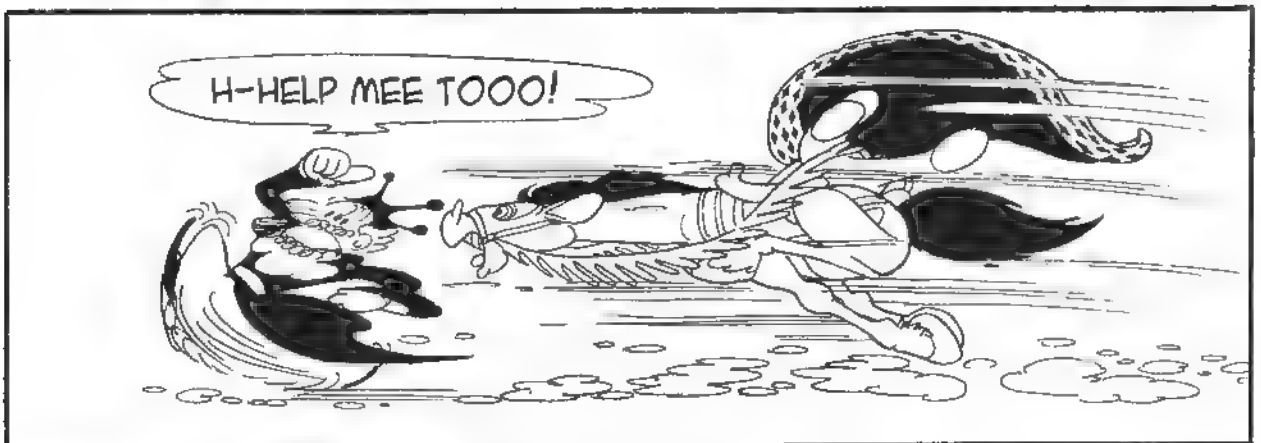
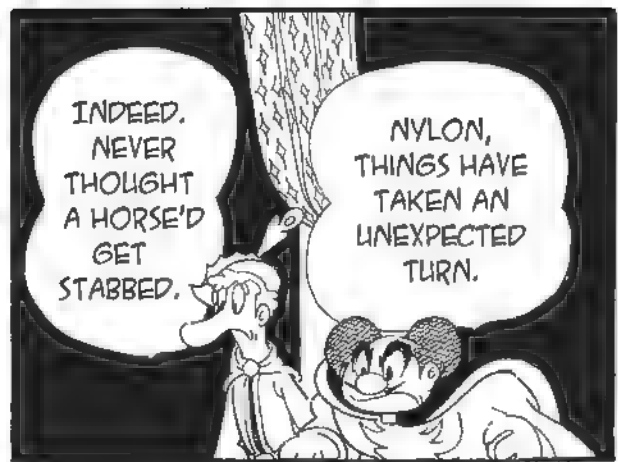


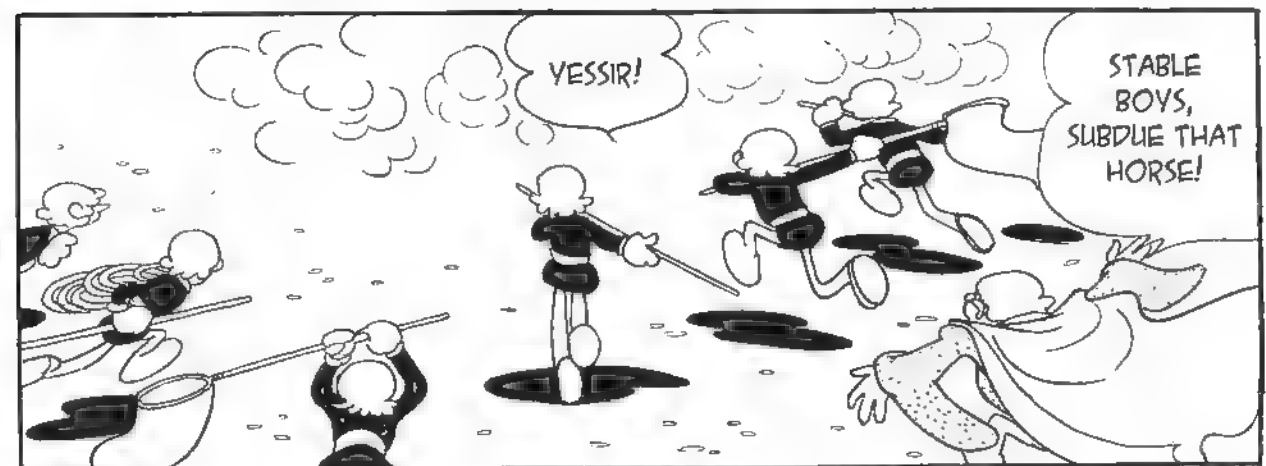
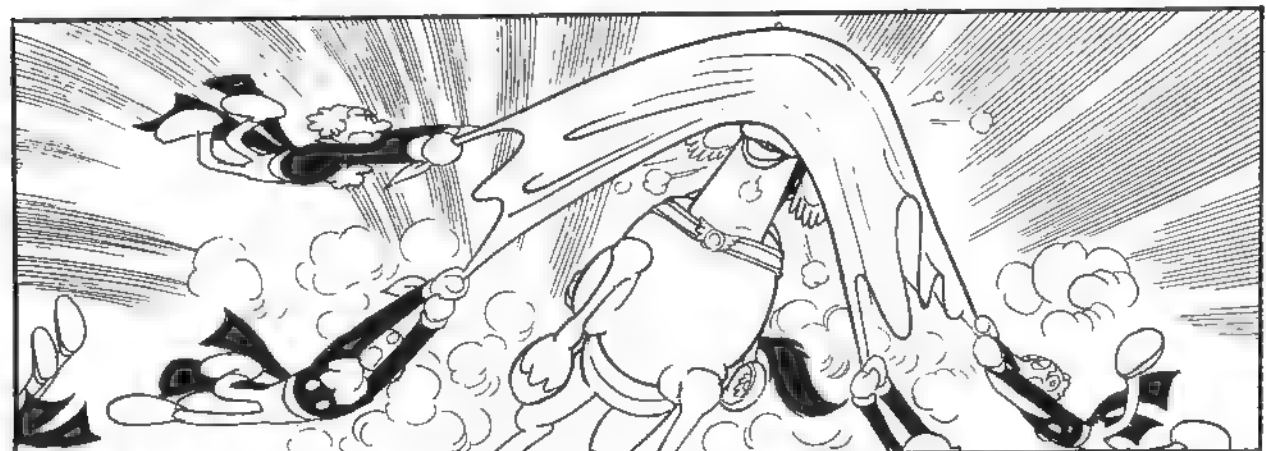
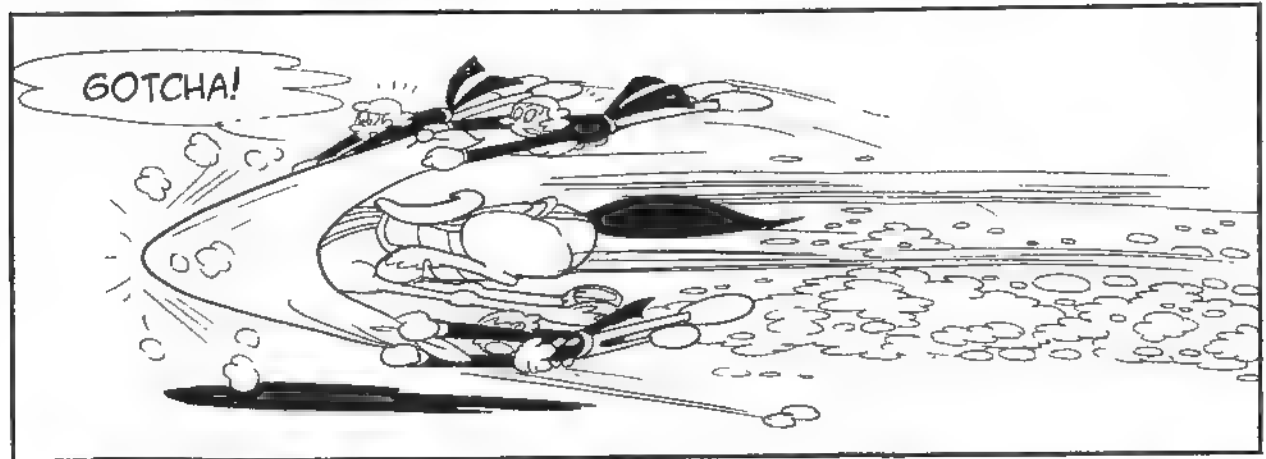
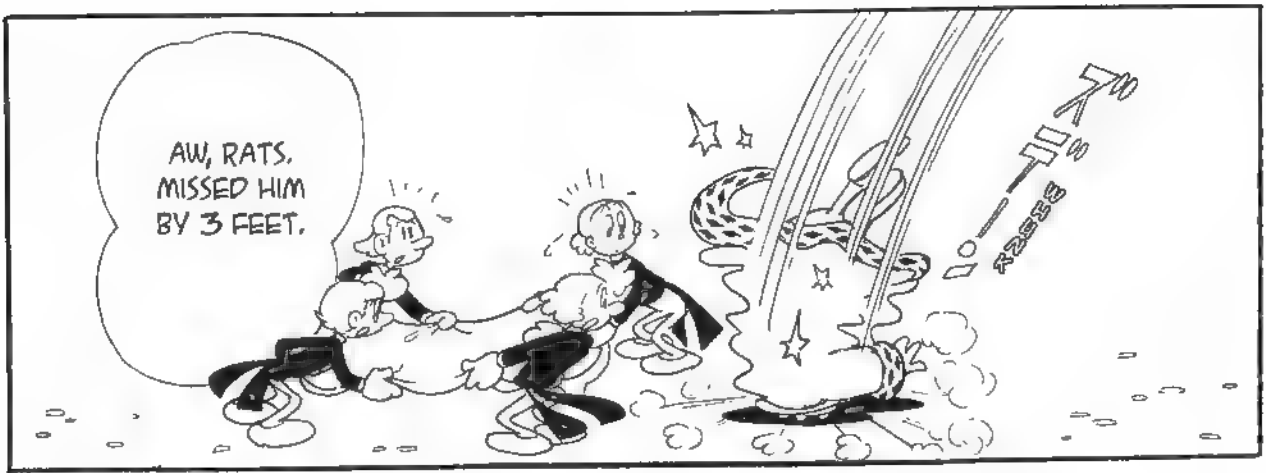


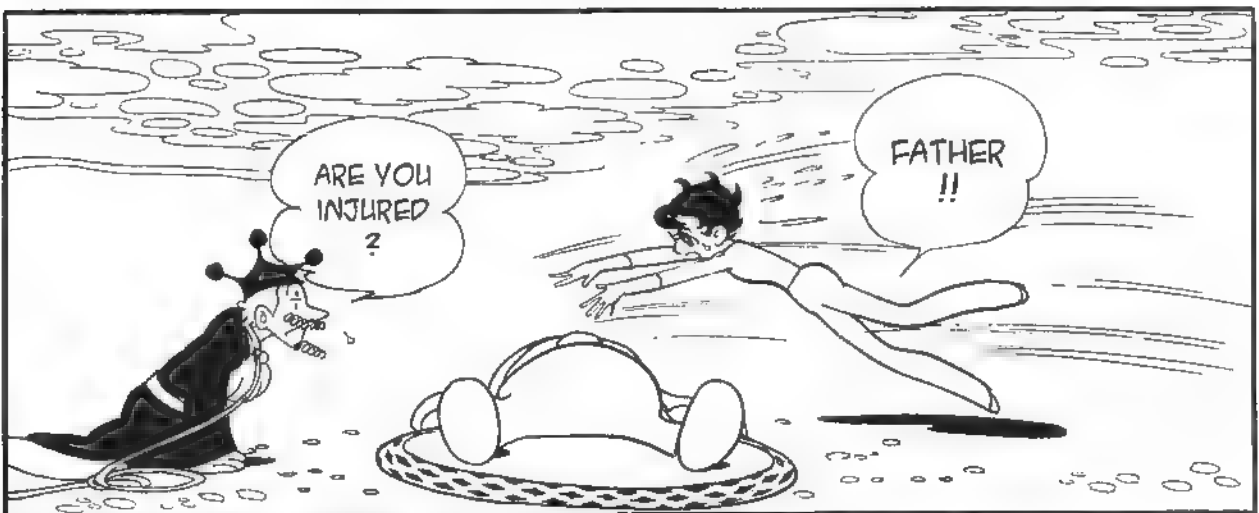
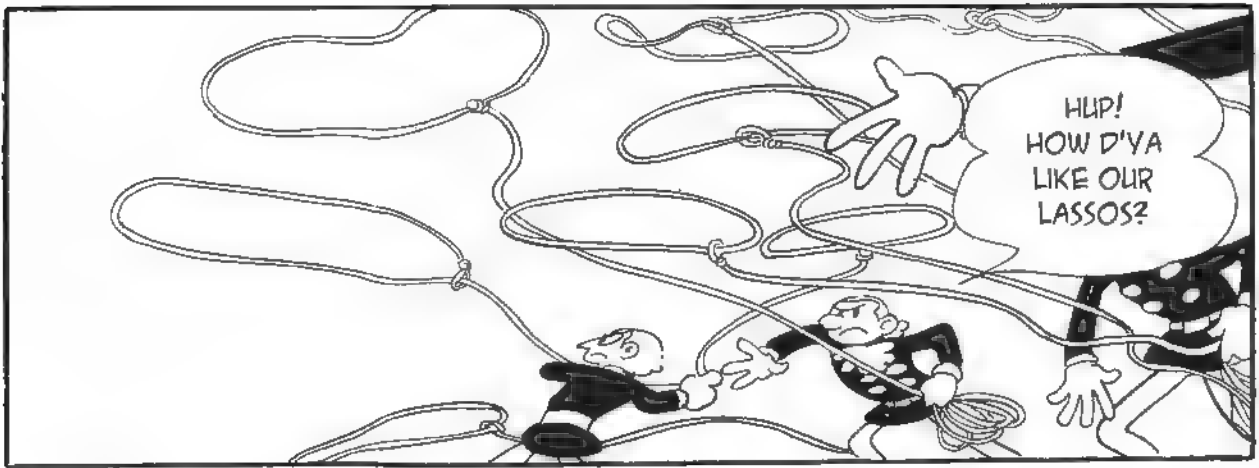


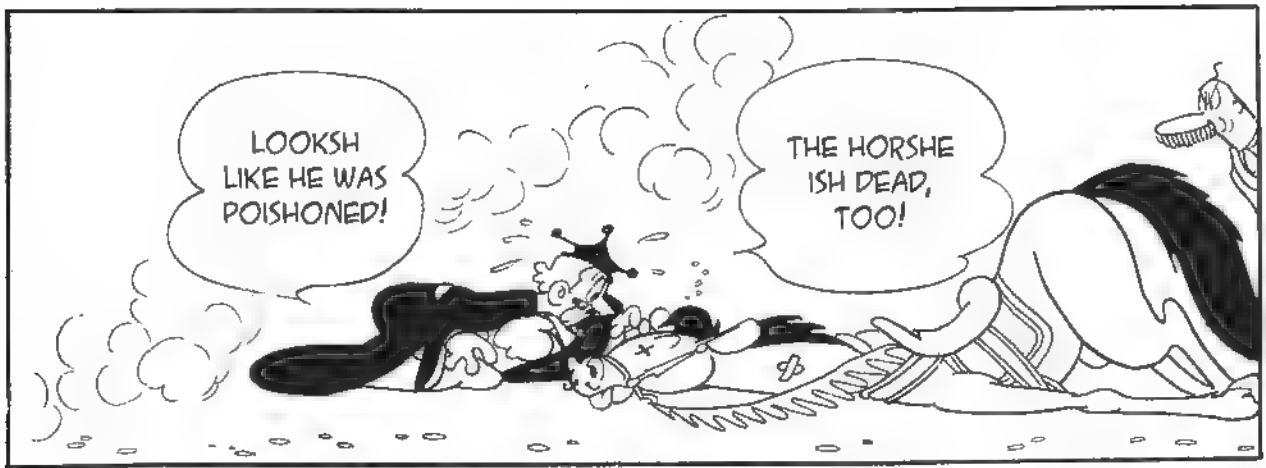


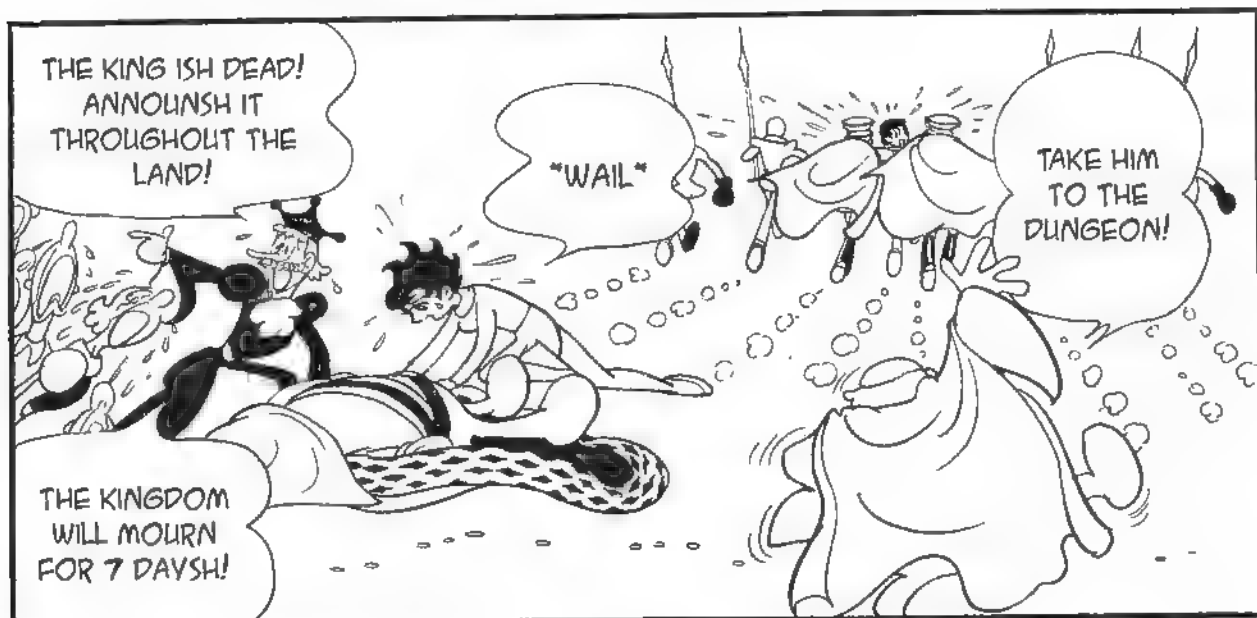






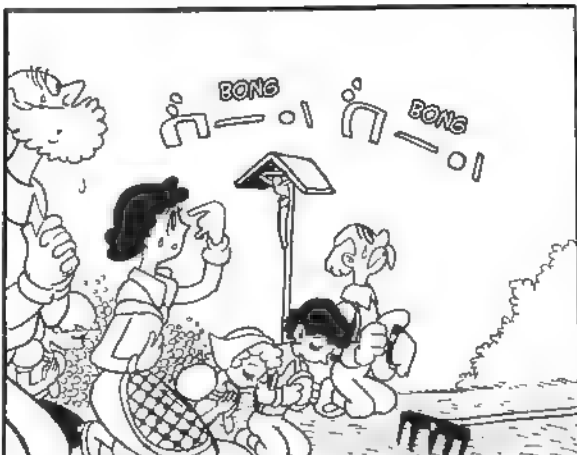
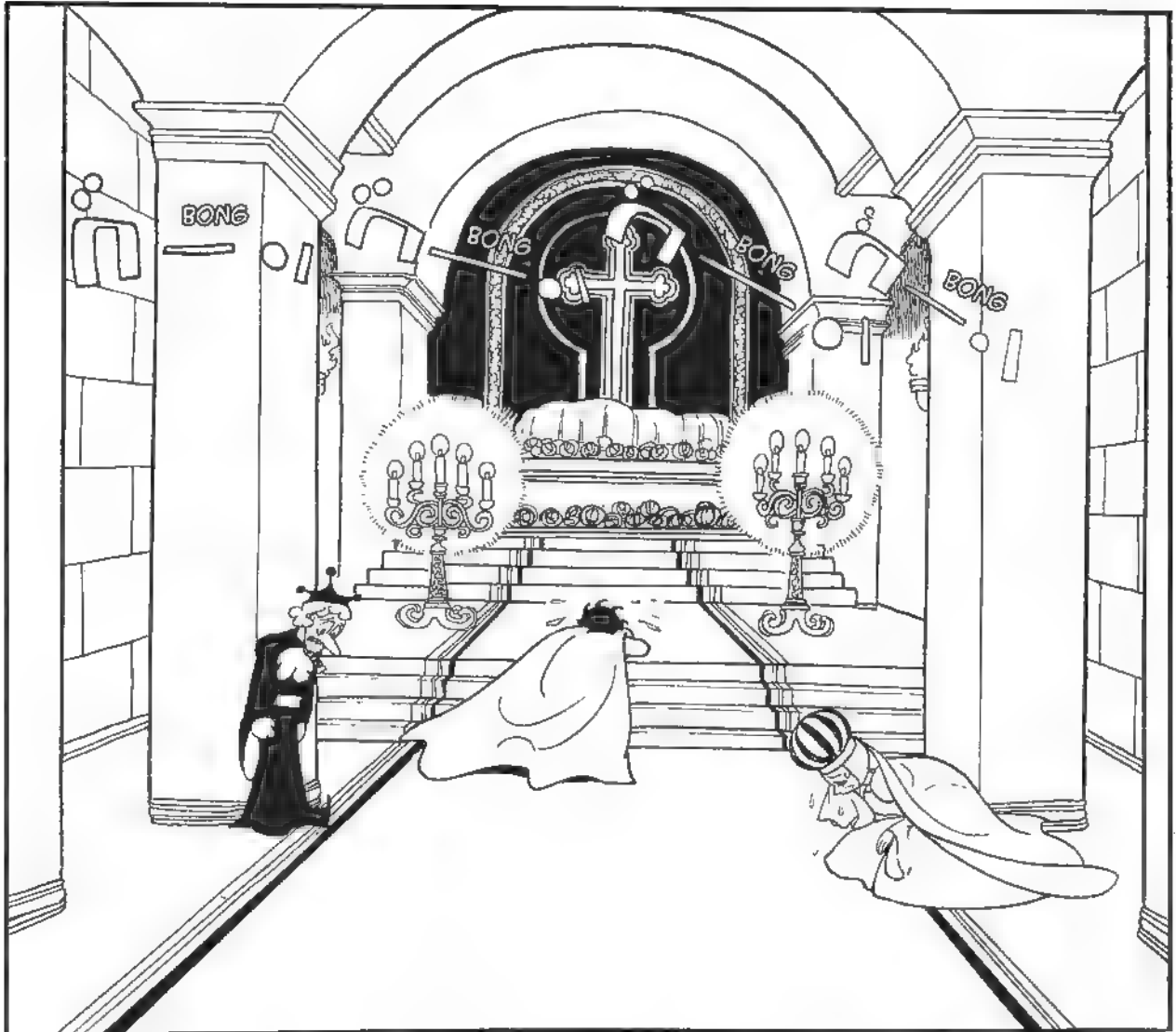


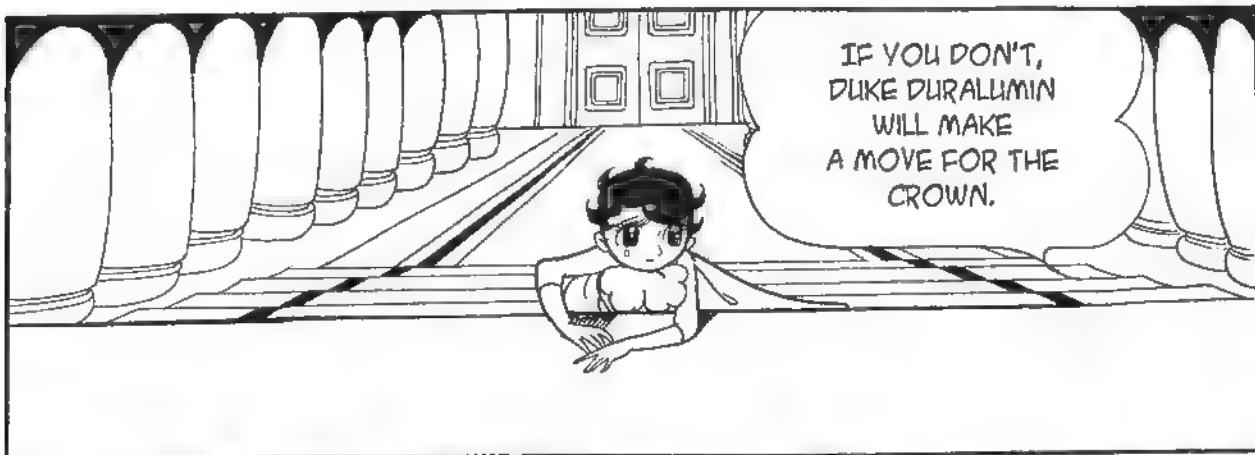
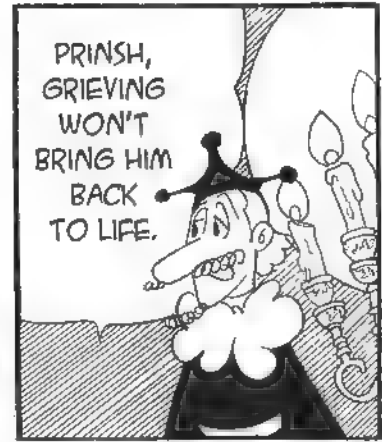
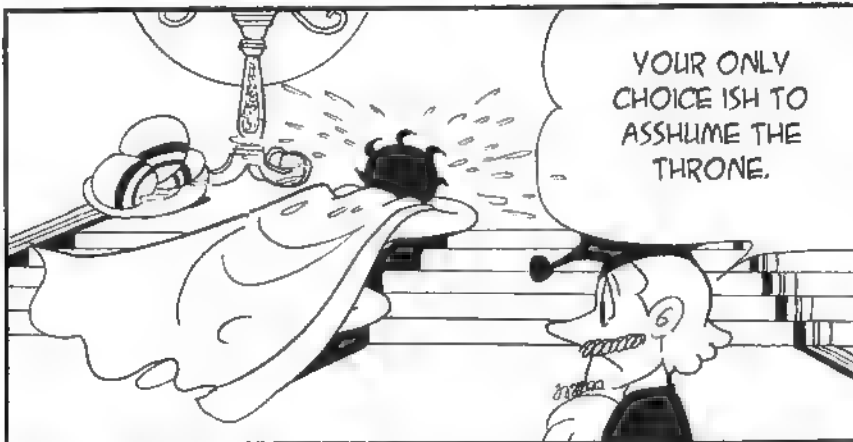
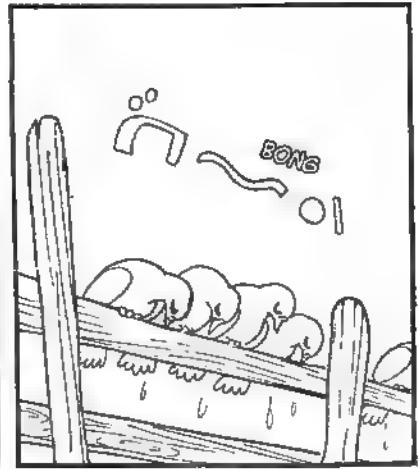
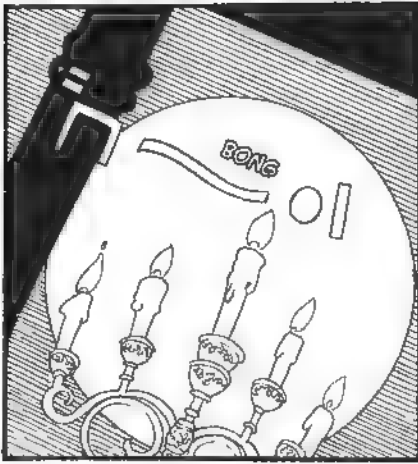


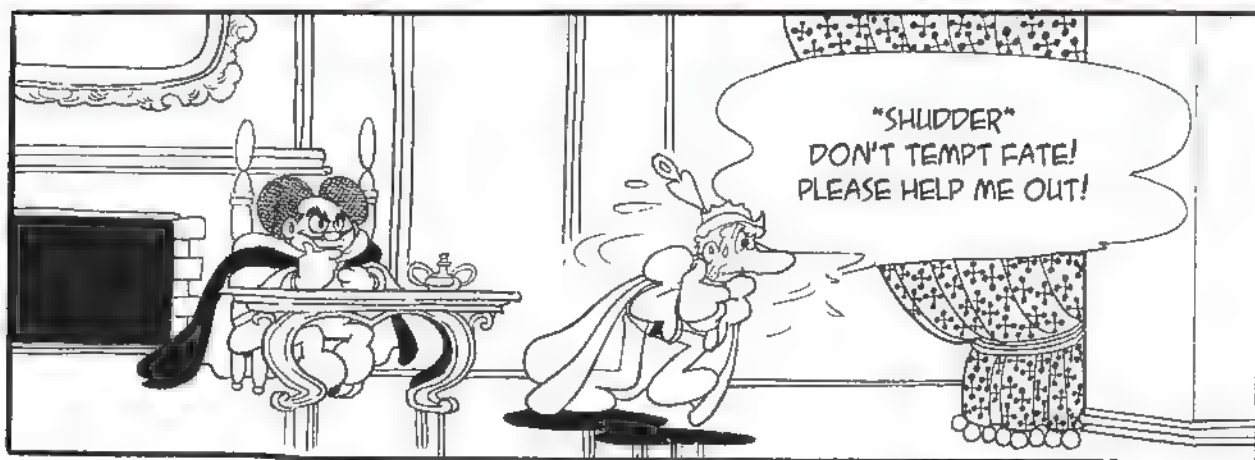


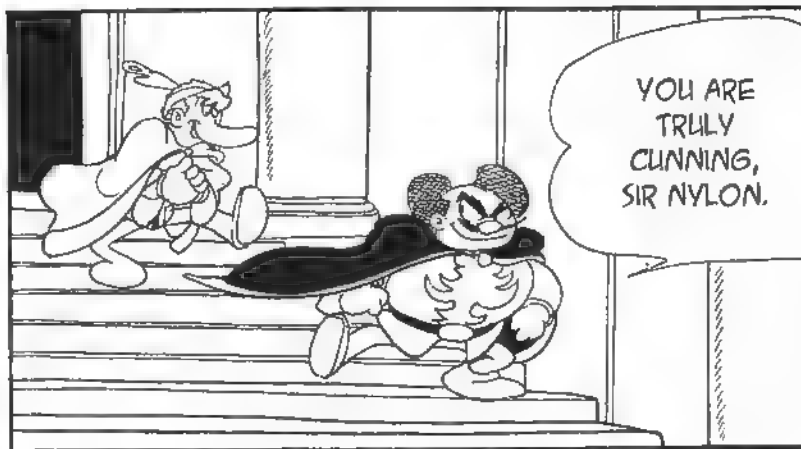
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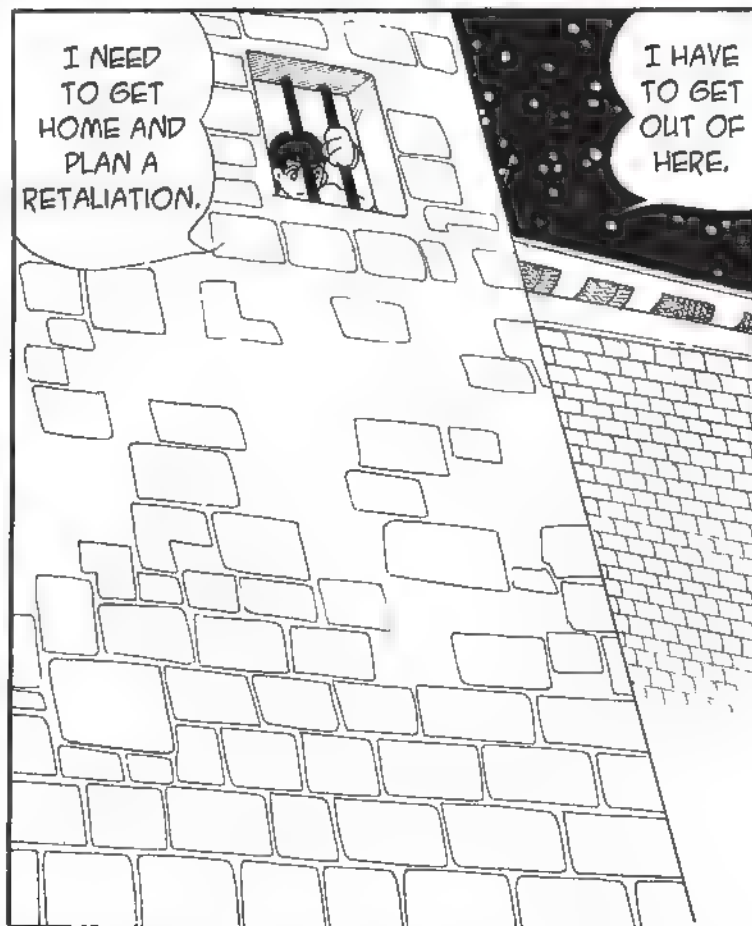
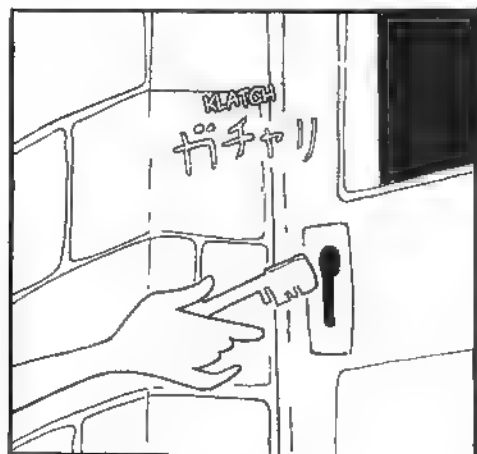
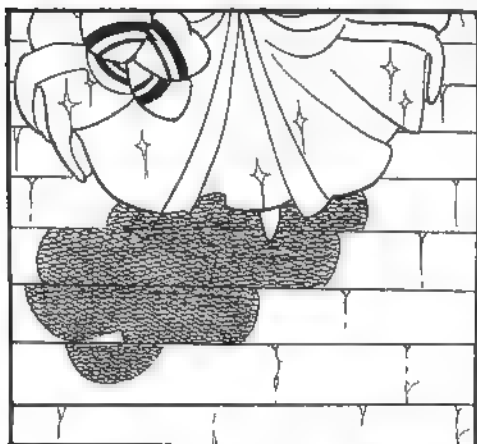
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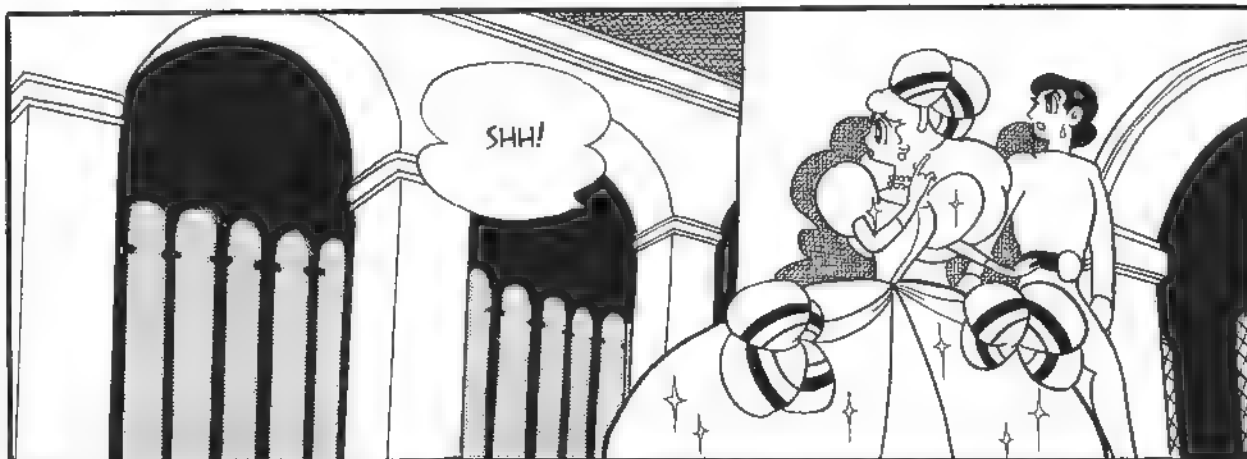
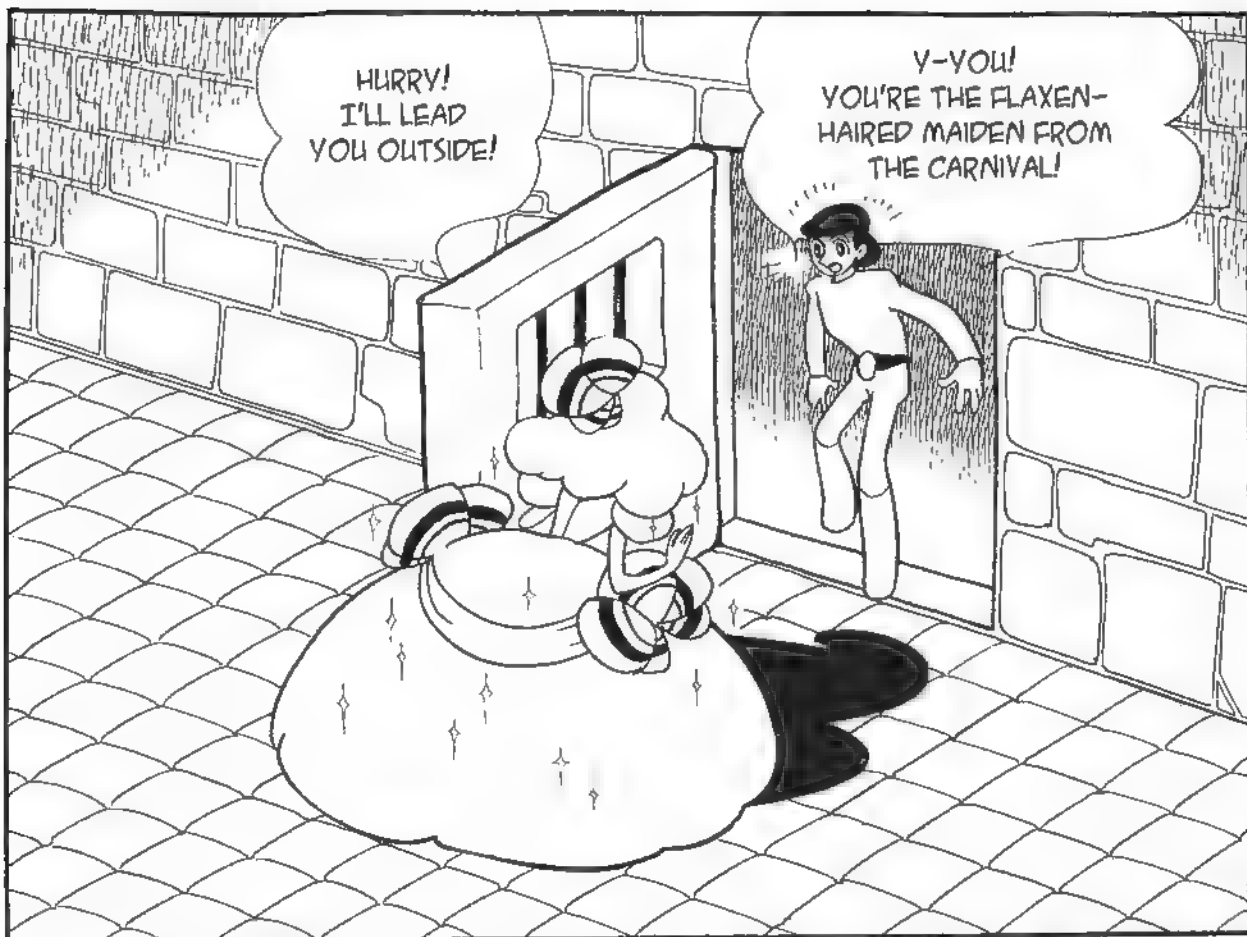


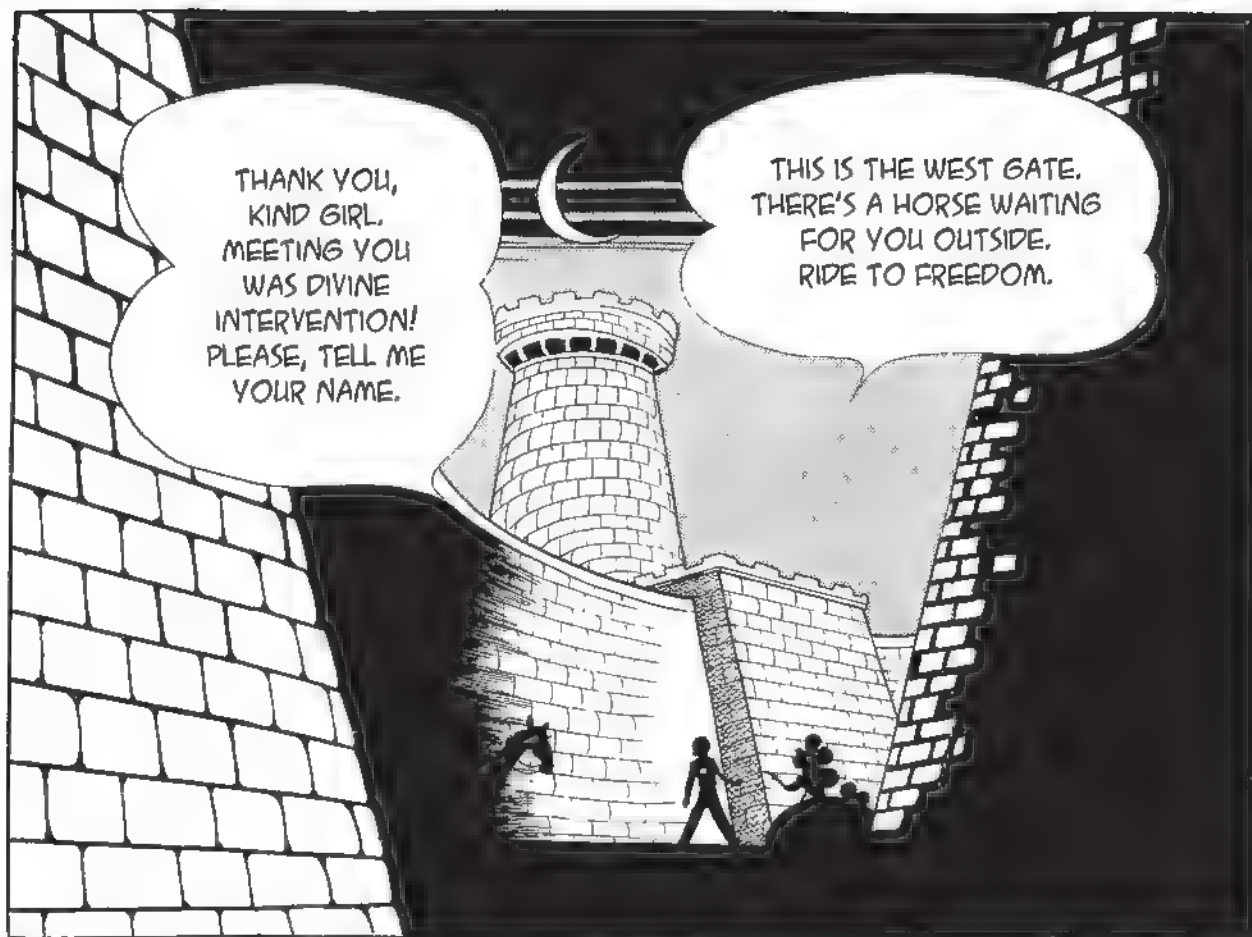


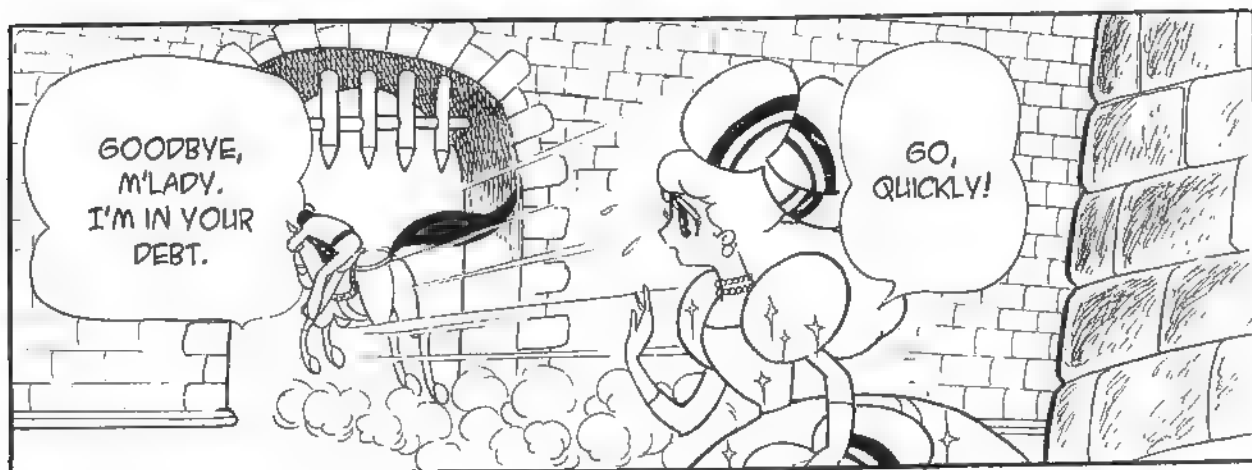
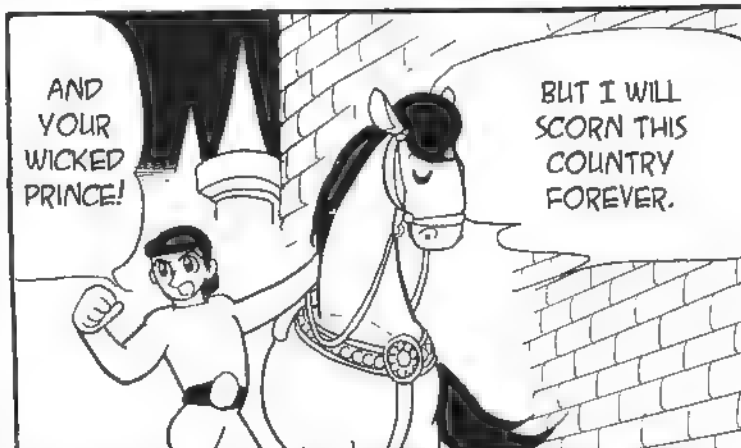


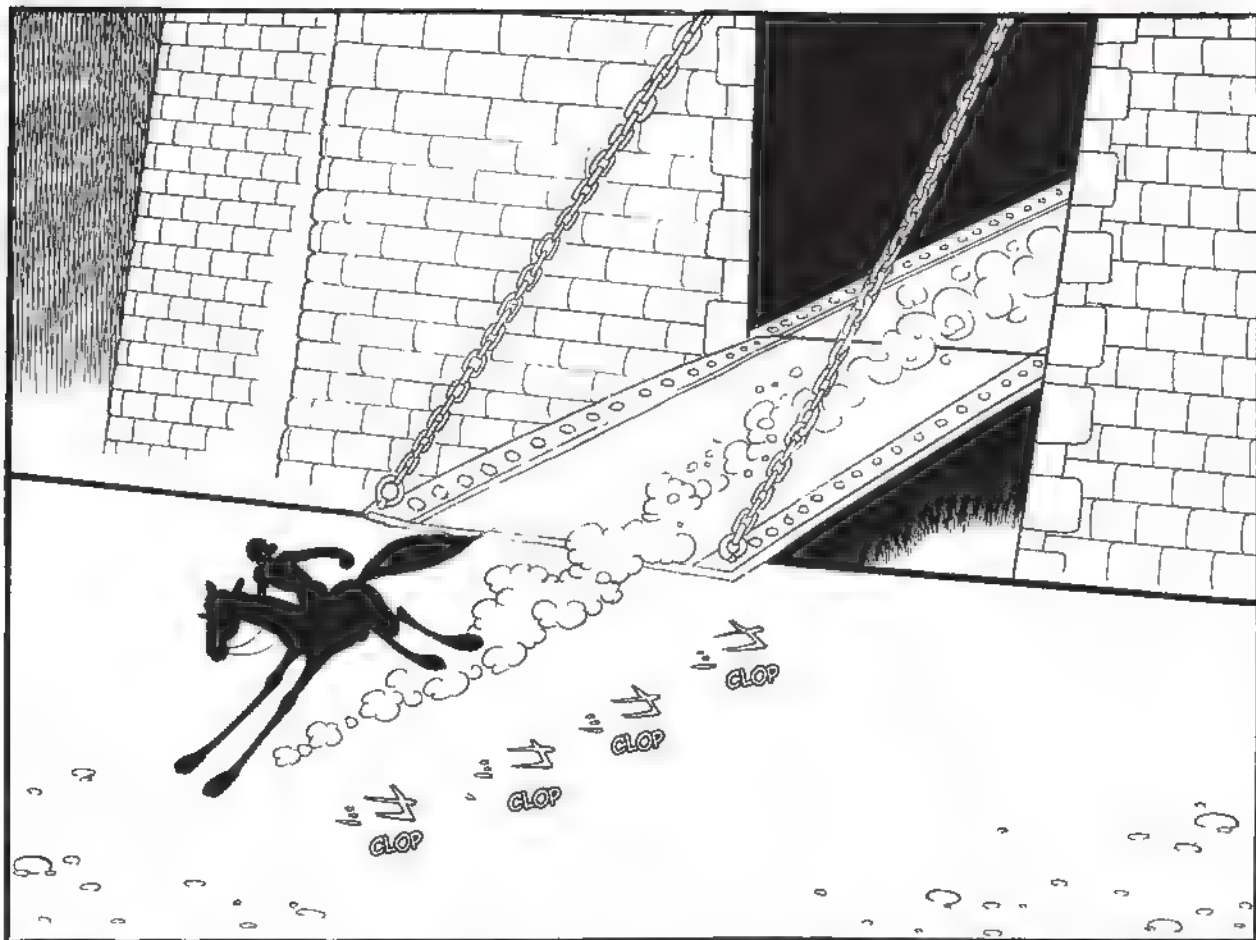


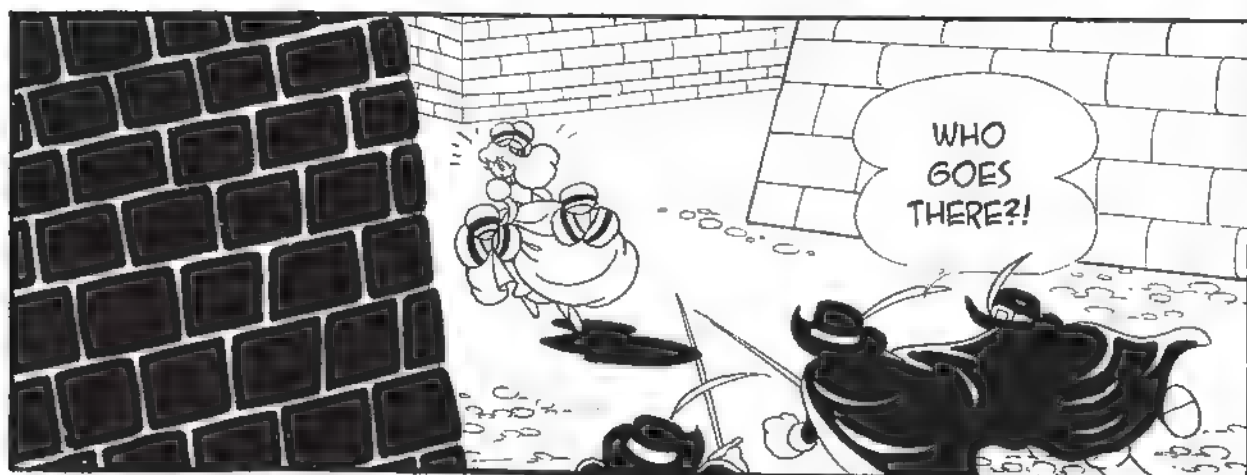
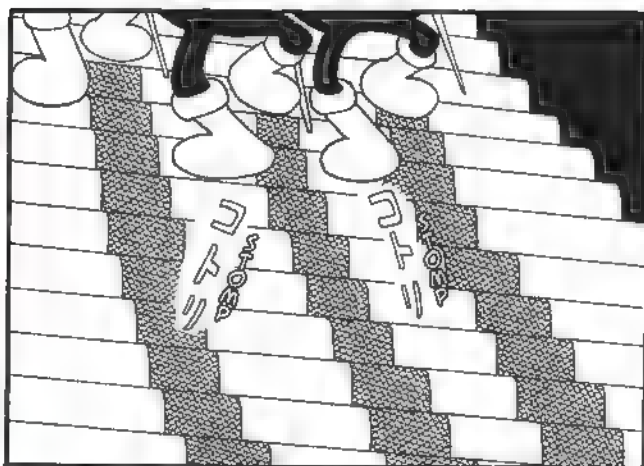
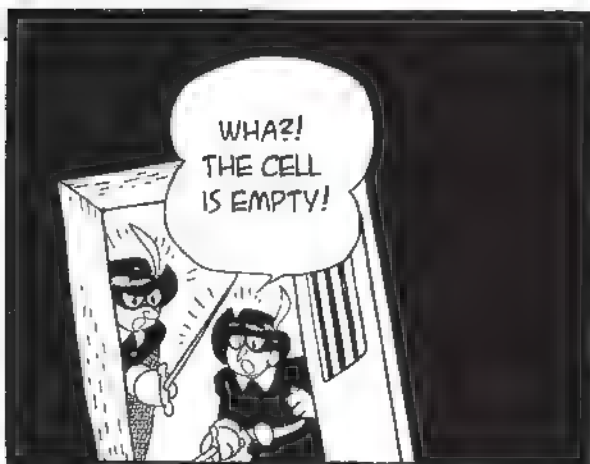




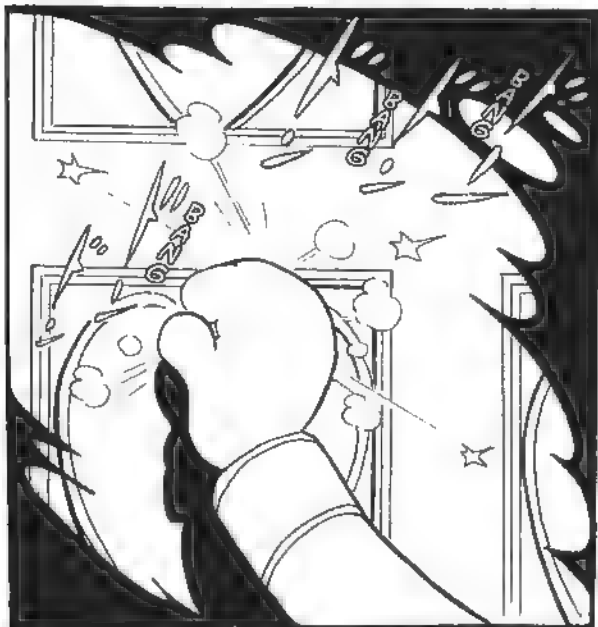
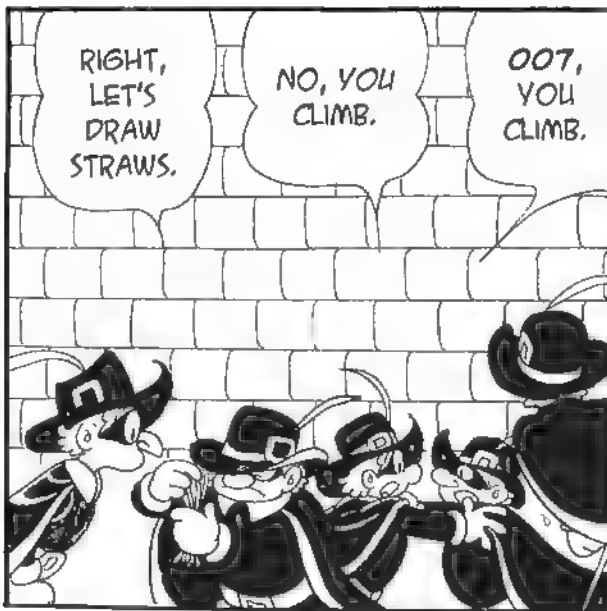


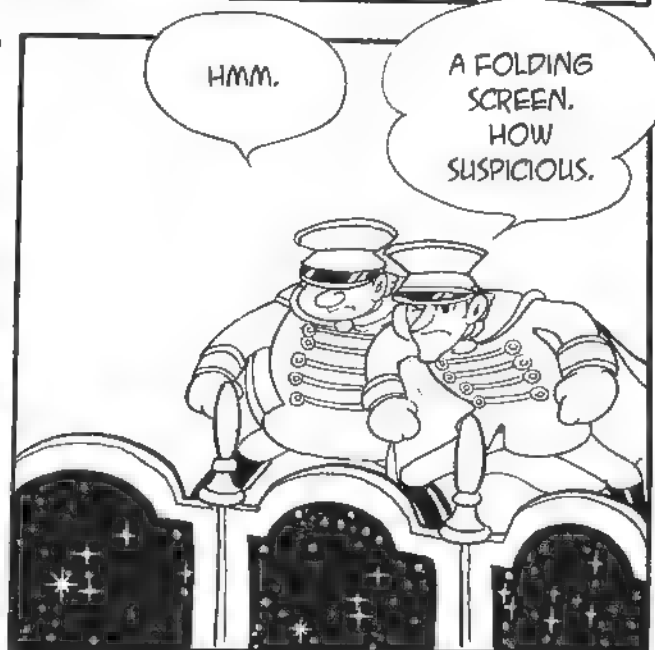
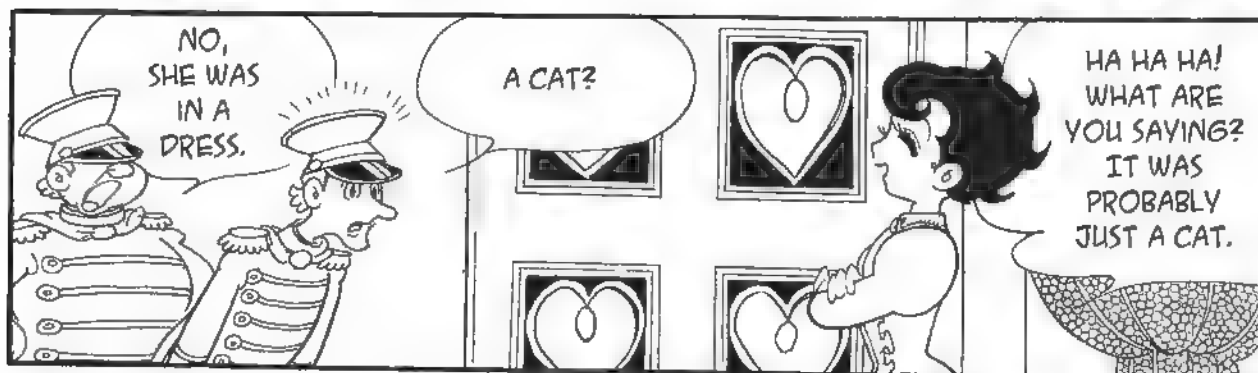






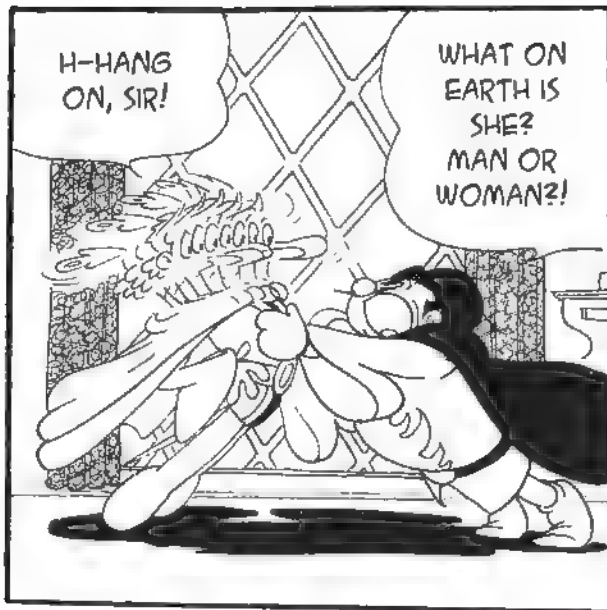






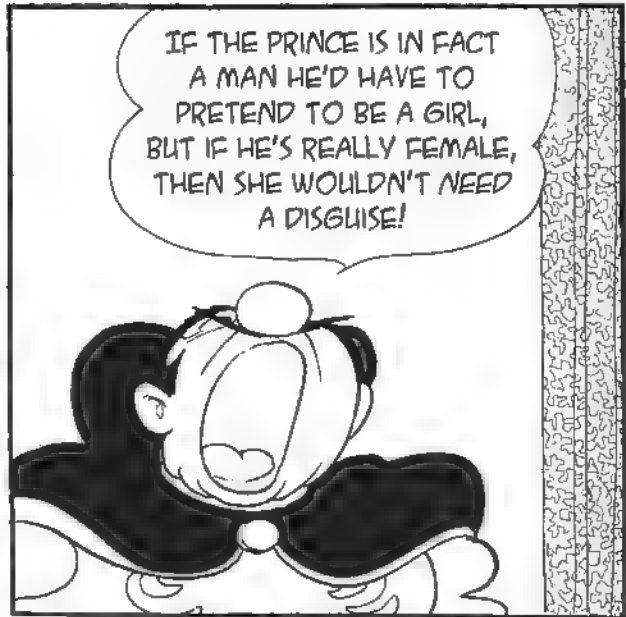






H-HANG
ON, SIR!

WHAT ON
EARTH IS
SHE?
MAN OR
WOMAN?!



IF THE PRINCE IS IN FACT
A MAN HE'D HAVE TO
PRETEND TO BE A GIRL,
BUT IF HE'S REALLY FEMALE,
THEN SHE WOULDN'T NEED
A DISGUISE!



THERE'S JUST 3
DAYS LEFT BEFORE
THE CORONATION.
ONCE HE'S KING IT'LL
BE TOO LATE!

SAPPHIRE IS DEFINITELY
A WOMAN.
WE JUST NEED SOME
SOLID EVIDENCE!

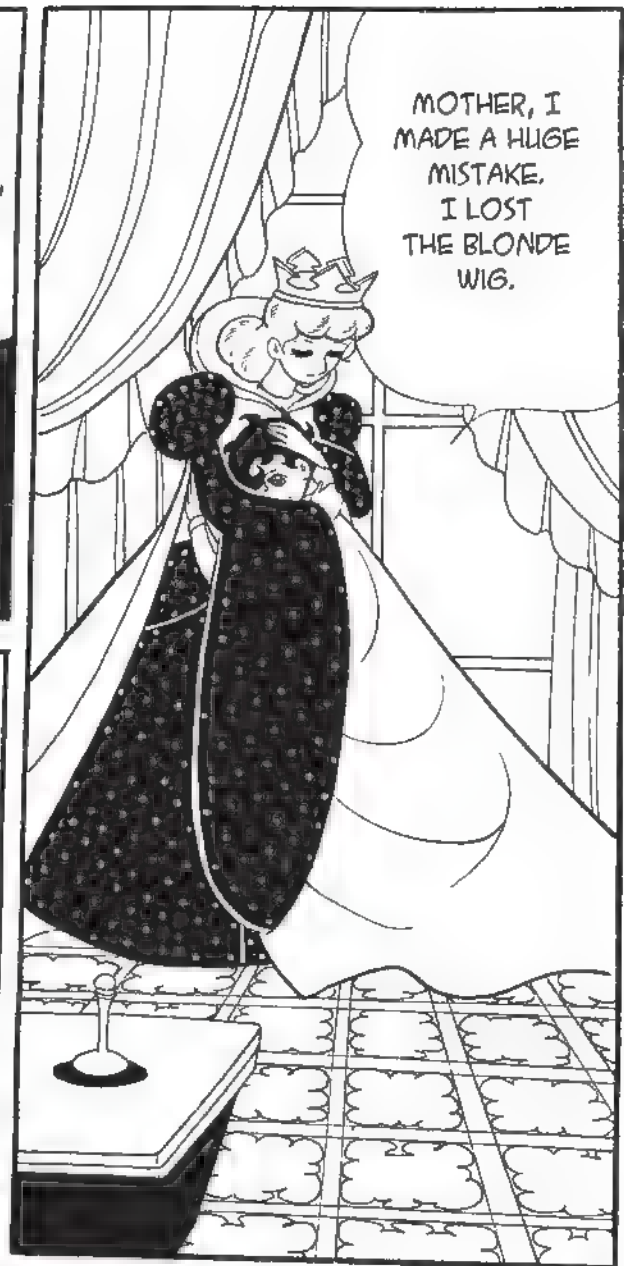


LEAVE IT TO
NYLON, SIR.
I'LL GET YOU
PROOF WITHIN
3 DAYS.
HEH HEH HEH.

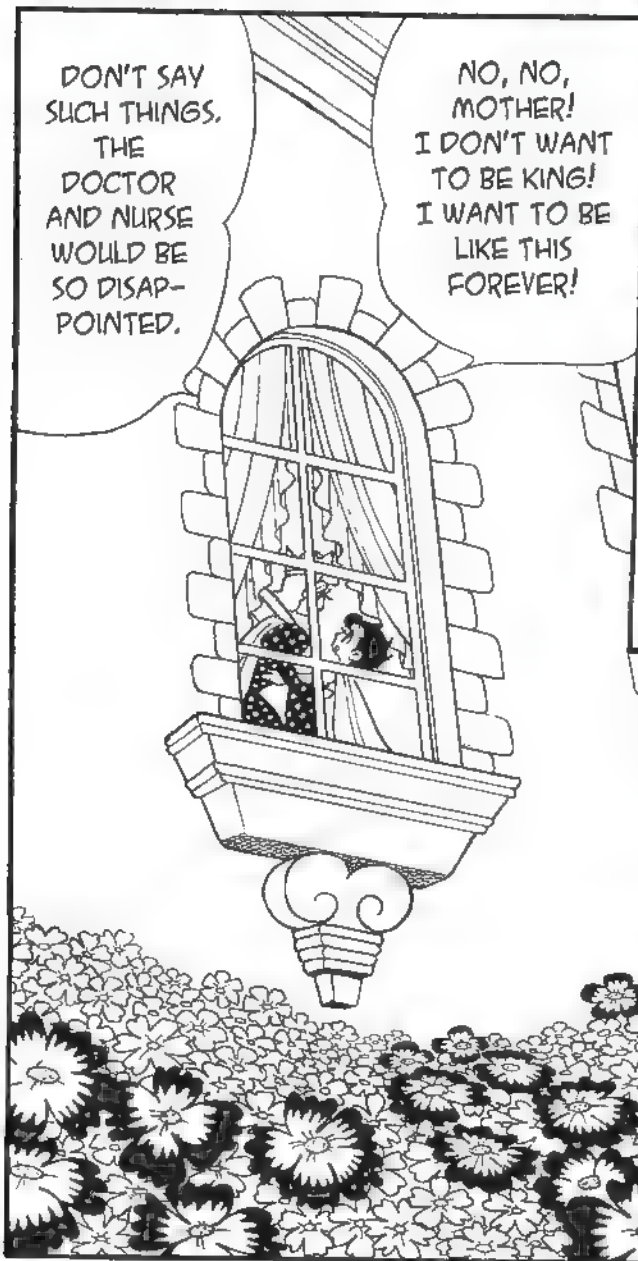


IN 3 DAYS,
YOU'LL
BE KING.
YOU MUST
START
ACTING LIKE
ONE.

YOU MUST
NEVER WEAR
SUCH A
DISGUISE AGAIN,
SAPPHIRE.

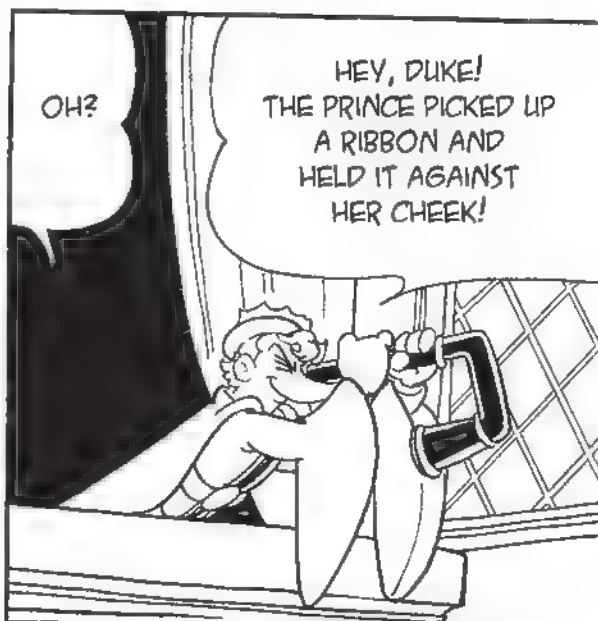
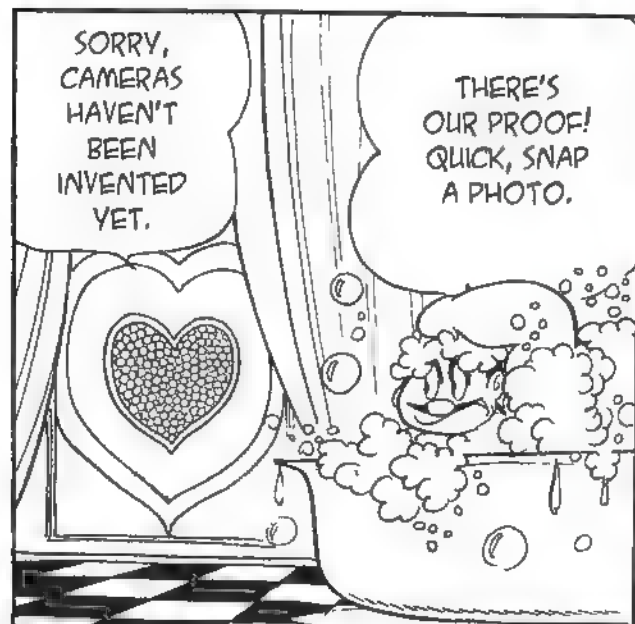
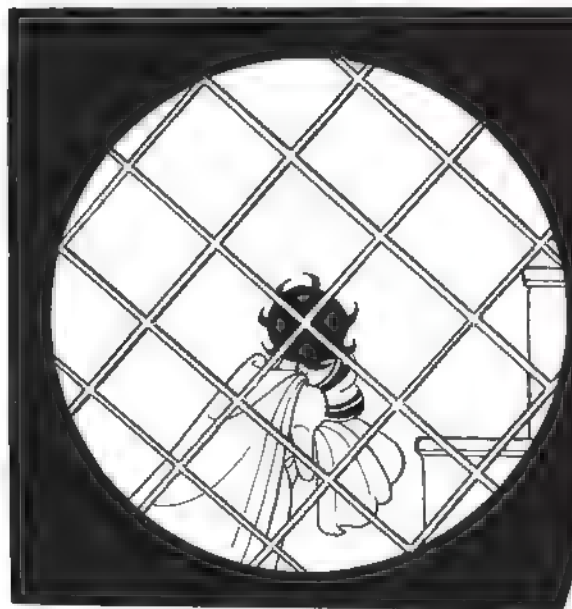
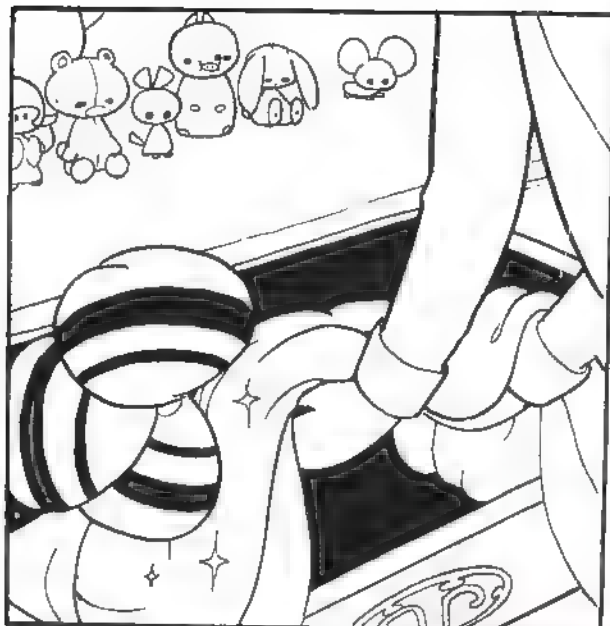


MOTHER, I
MADE A HUGE
MISTAKE.
I LOST
THE BLONDE
WIG.



DON'T SAY
SUCH THINGS.
THE
DOCTOR
AND NURSE
WOULD BE
SO DISAP-
POINTED.

NO, NO,
MOTHER!
I DON'T WANT
TO BE KING!
I WANT TO BE
LIKE THIS
FOREVER!





IT'S A
DRUG
CALLED
BLABBER-
WORT.

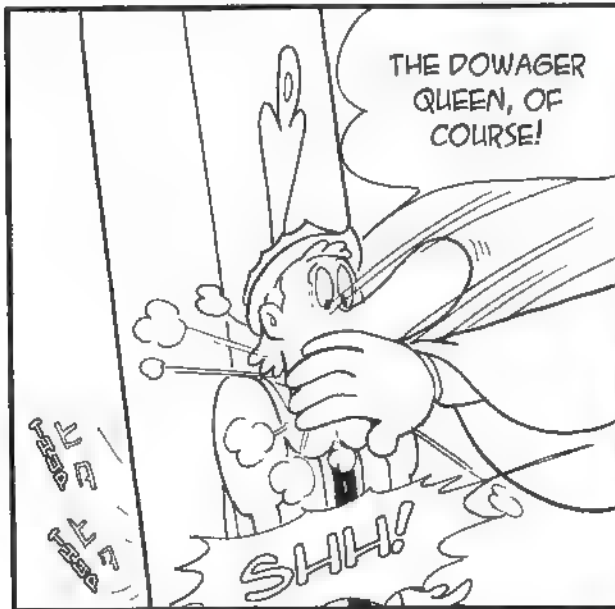
WHAT IS IT,
POISON?



HERE
IT IS.



LEAVE IT TO ME, SIR.
I HAVE AN
INTERESTING
POTION.



THE DOWAGER
QUEEN, OF
COURSE!



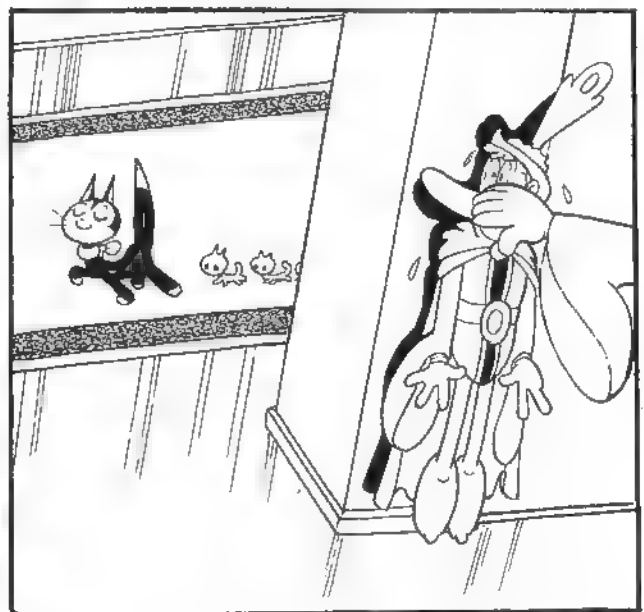
SO
WHO'LL
WE
GET TO
DRINK IT?

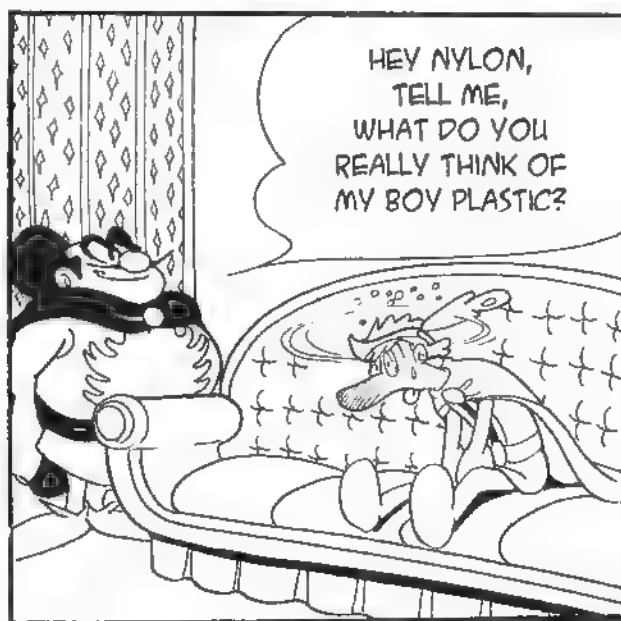
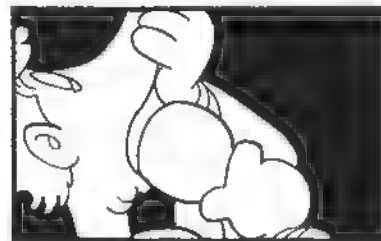
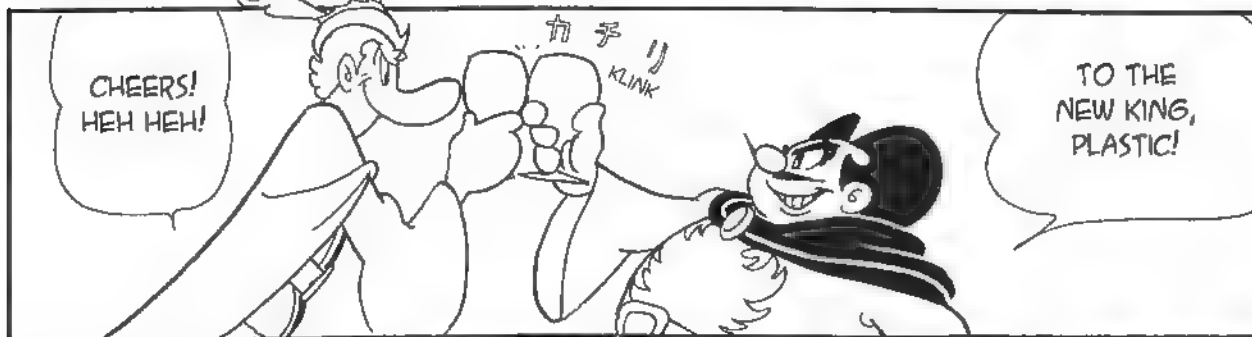
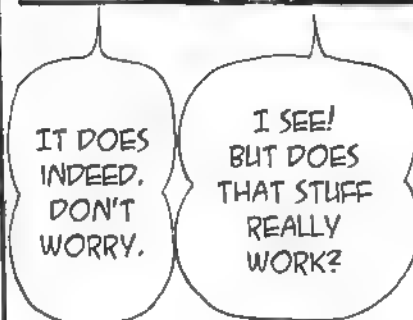
ANYONE WHO
DRINKS IT WILL
BE INSTANTLY
INTOXICATED
AND TELL
THE TRUTH
ABOUT
ANYTHING.

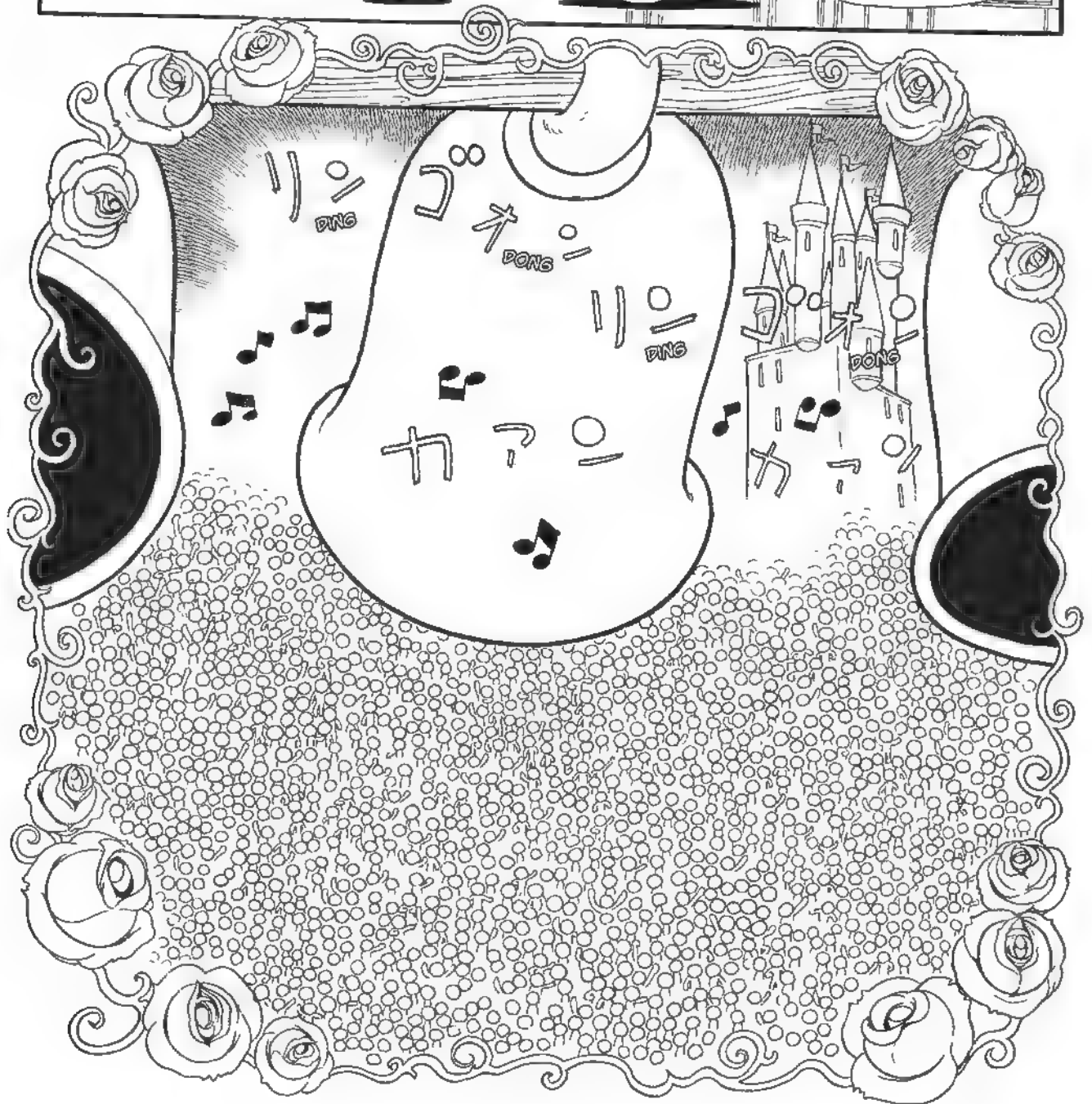


SHE'LL INSTANTLY
GIVE UP ANY
SECRETS
REGARDING
THE PRINCE'S
IDENTITY.

DURING THE
TOAST FOR THE
CORONATION,
I'LL SLIP THIS
INTO THE
QUEEN'S WINE
GOBLET.

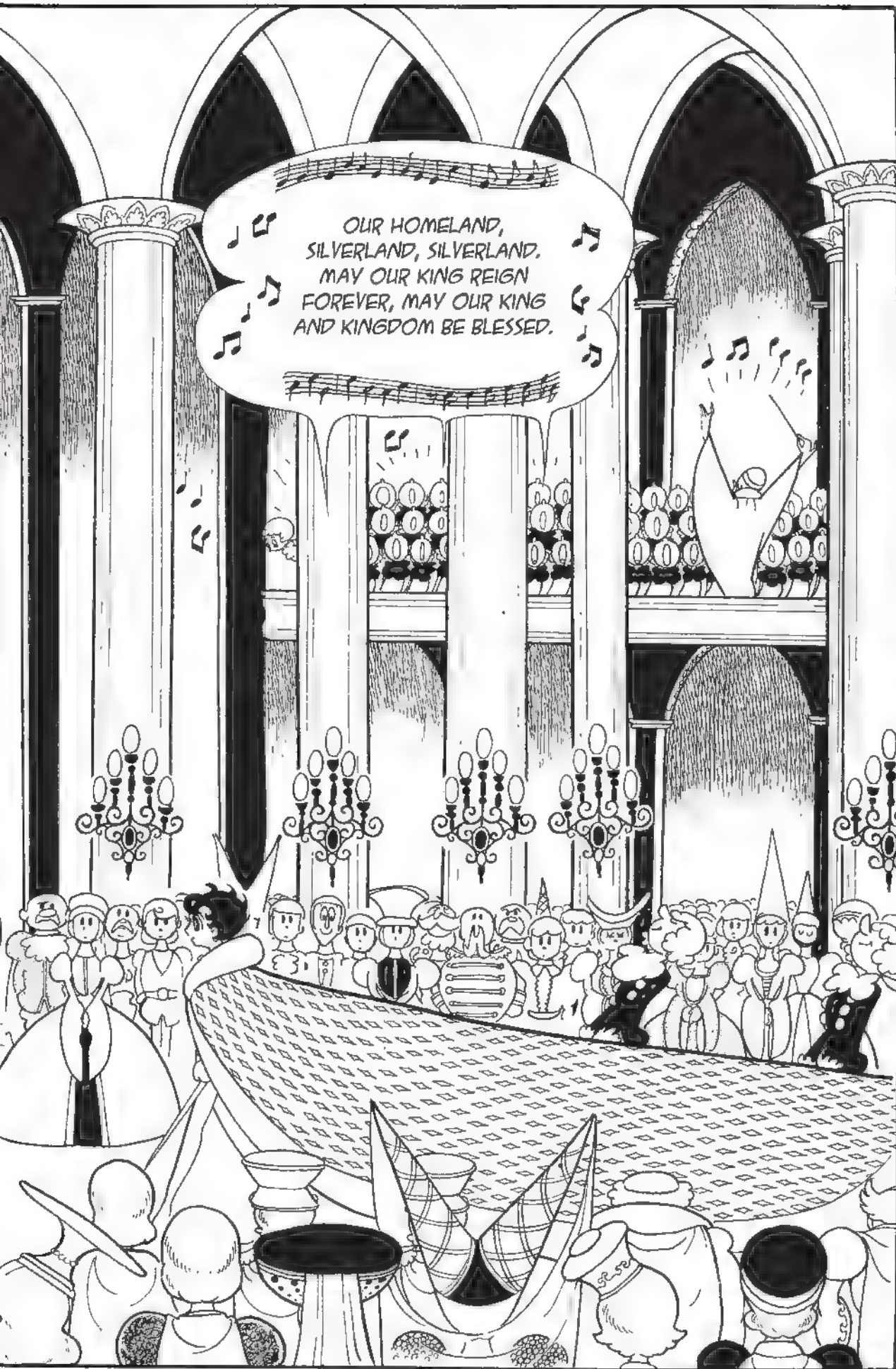




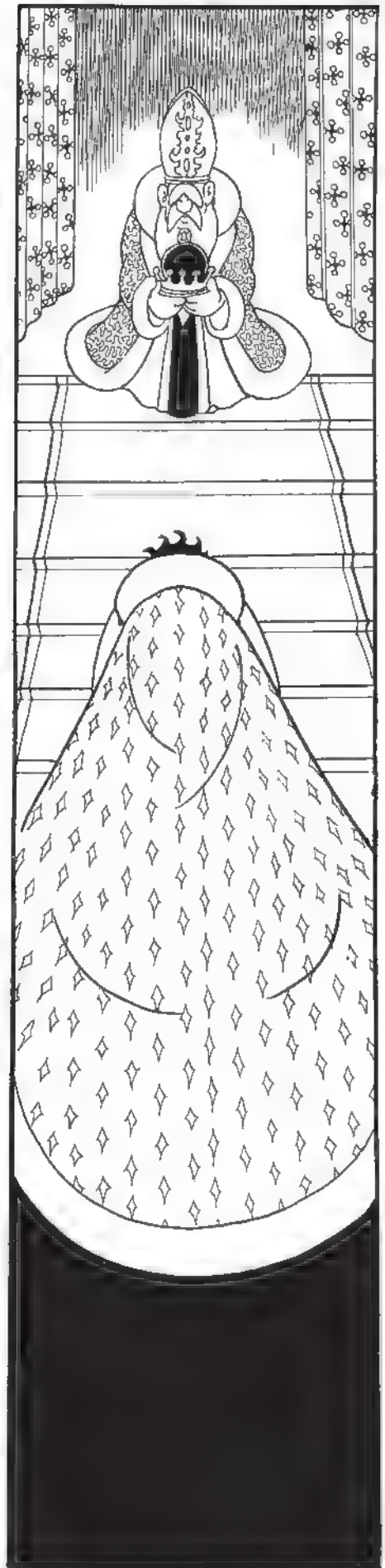
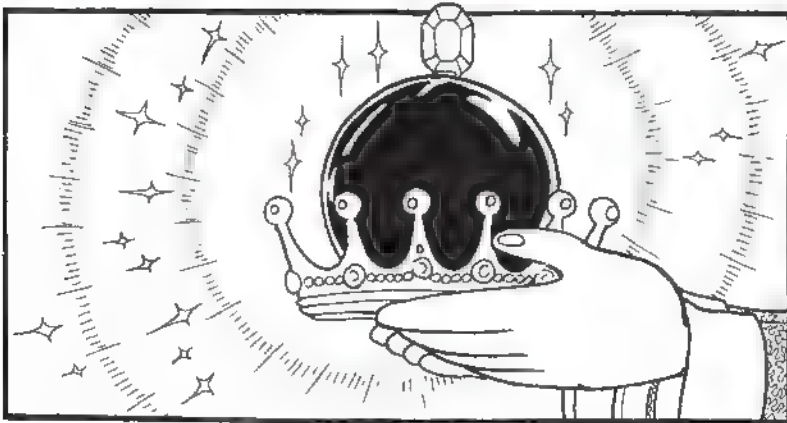


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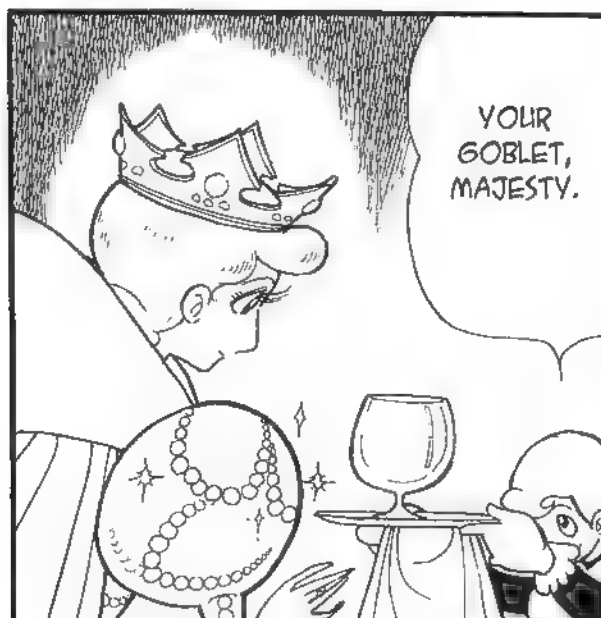
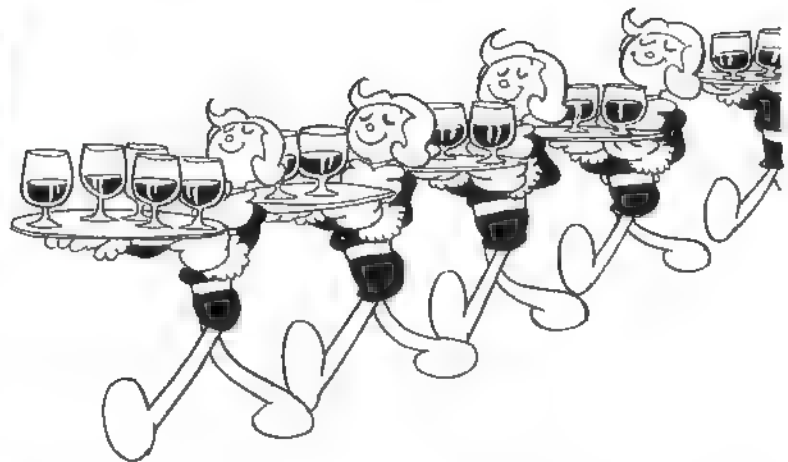
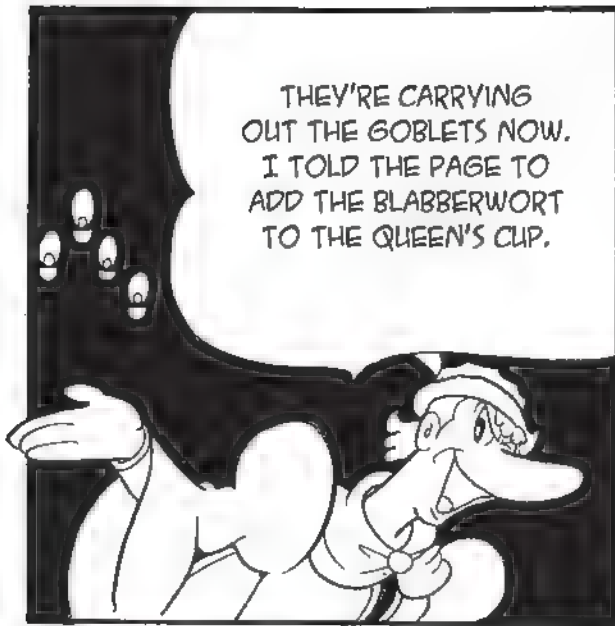
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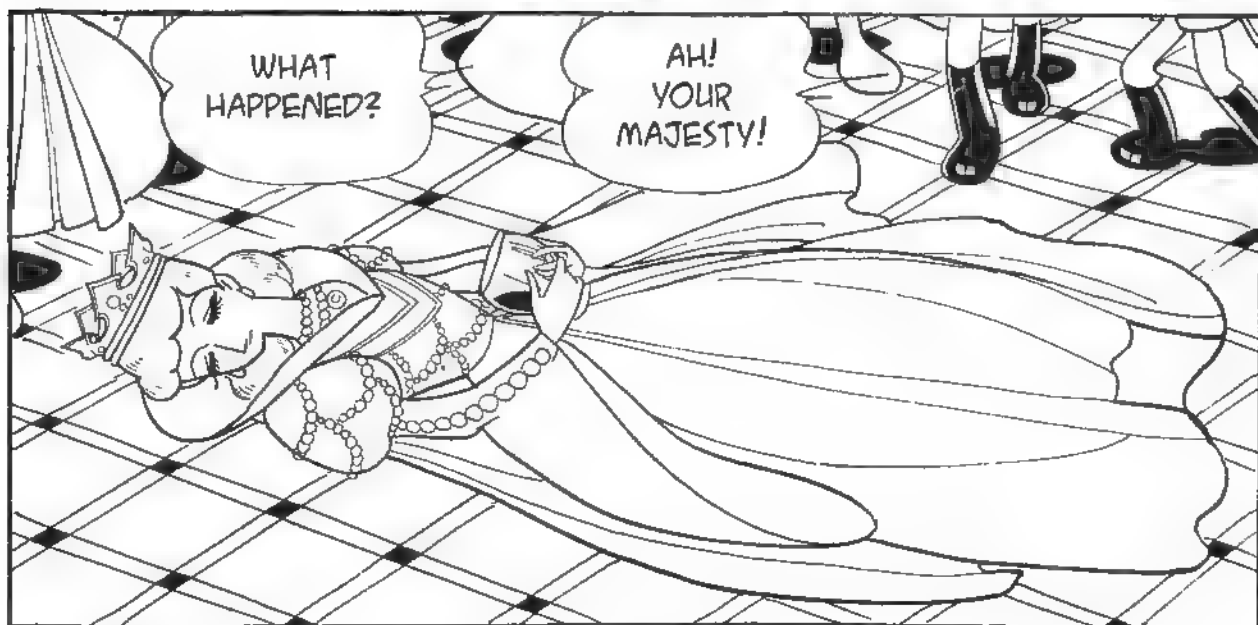
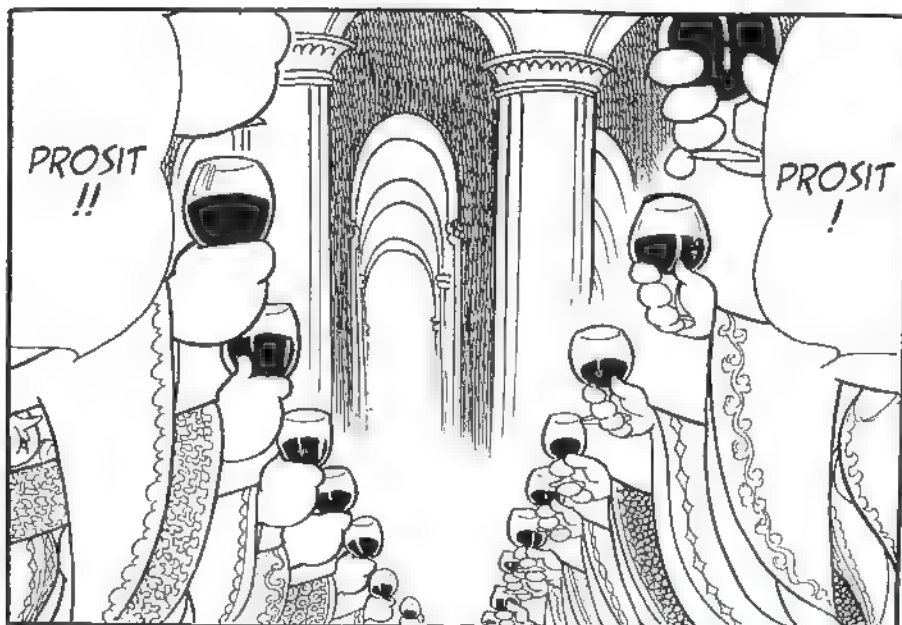


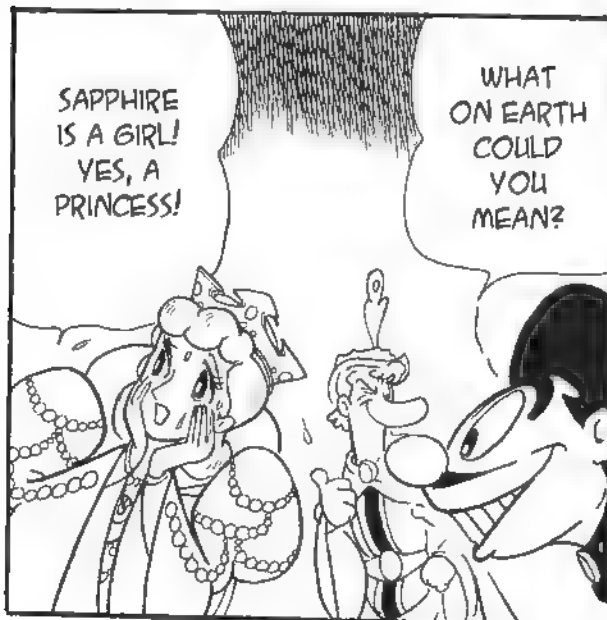
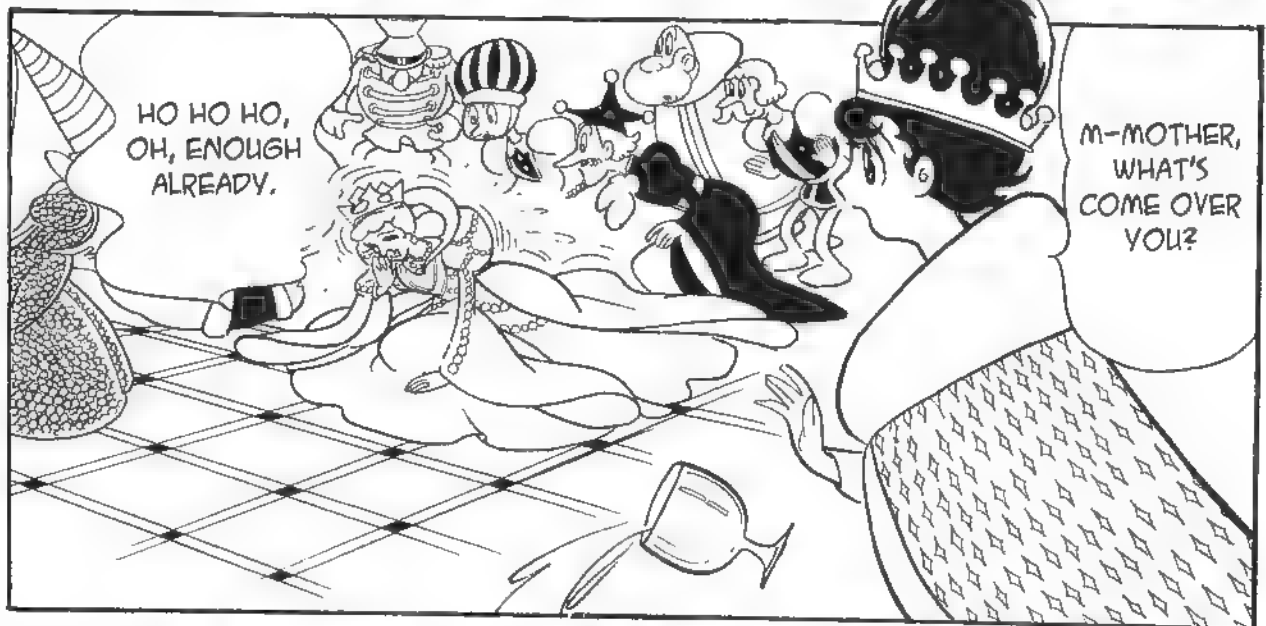


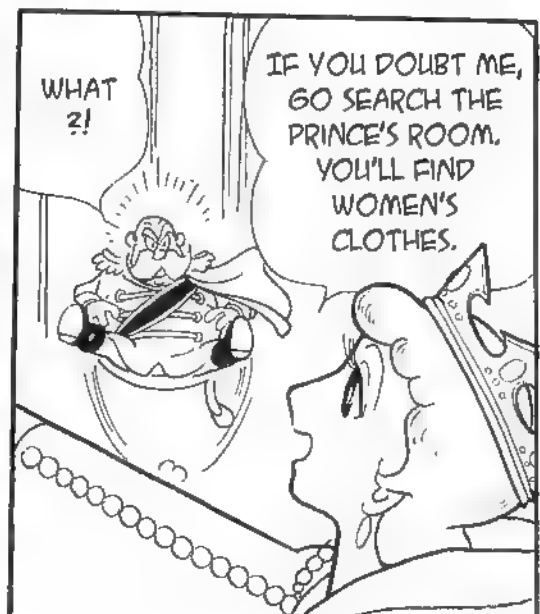
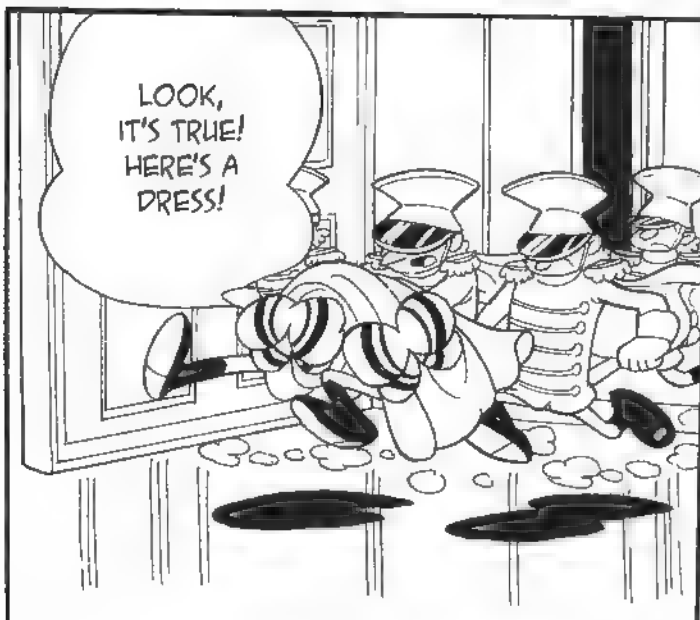




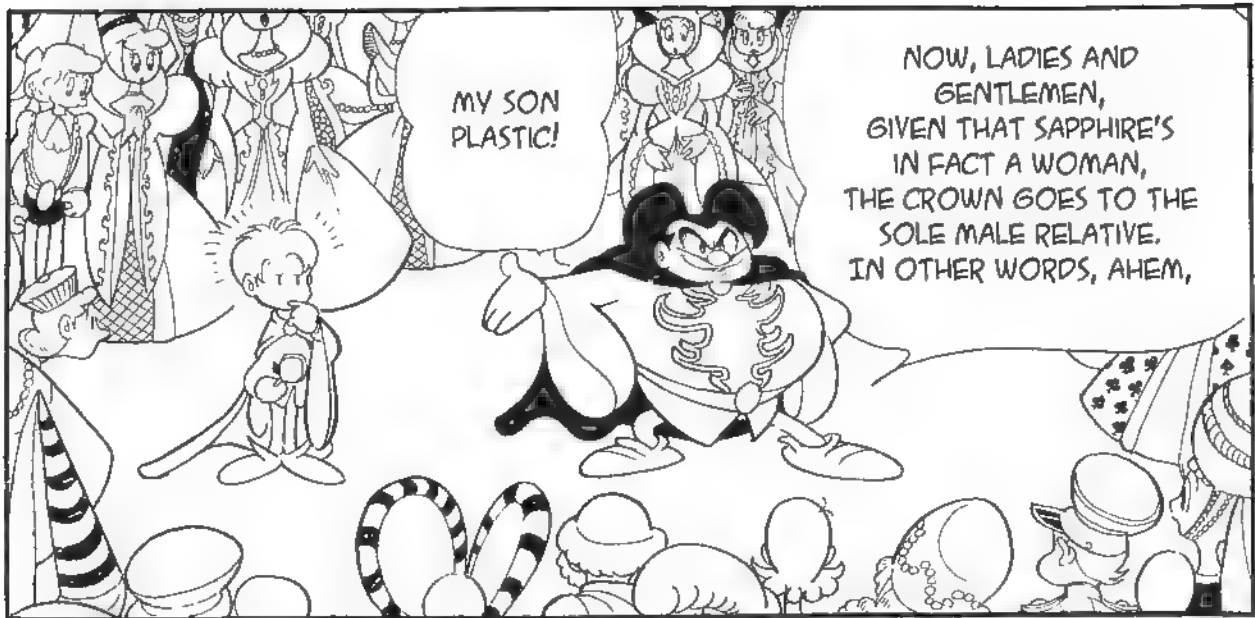














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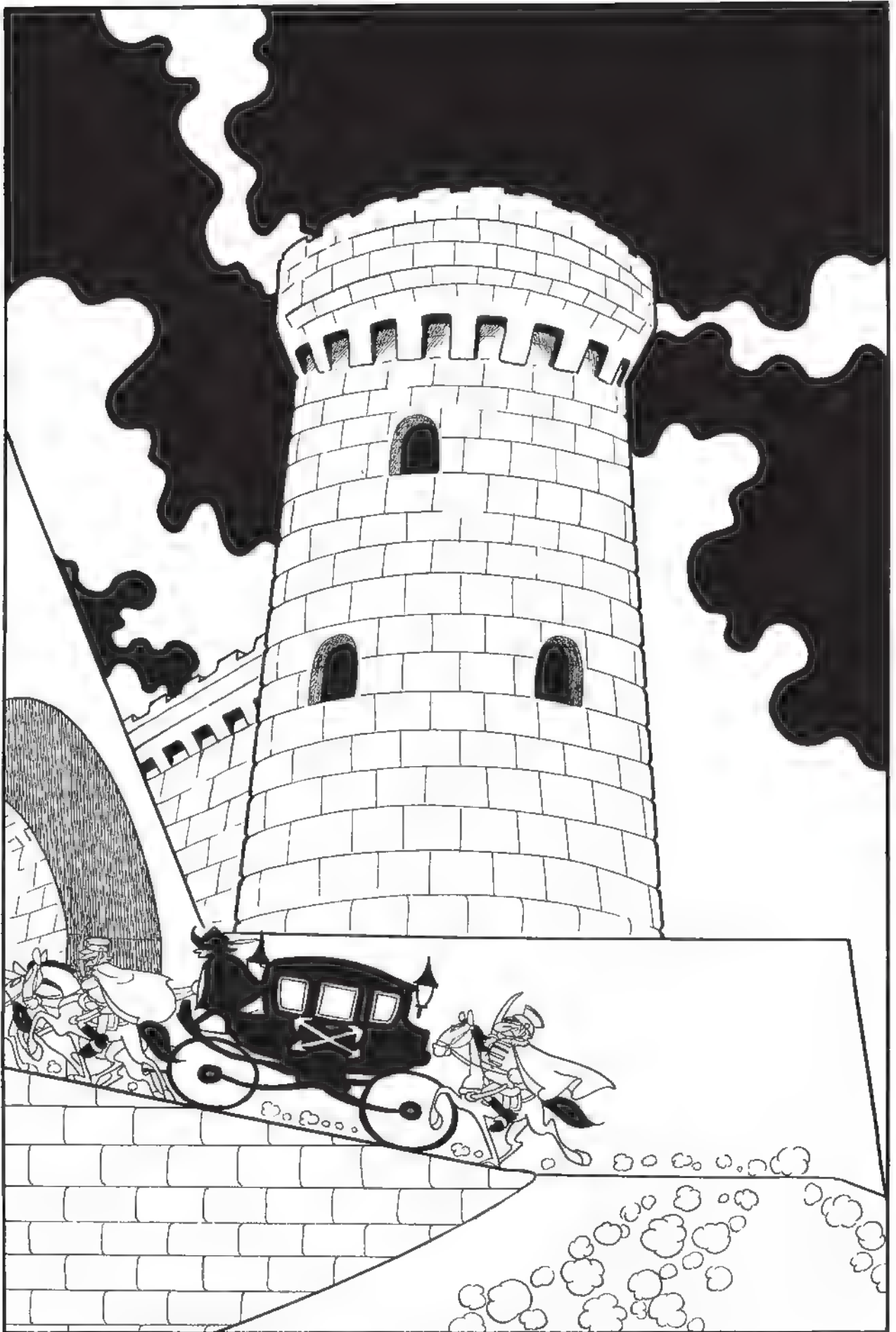


PRINSH, THE DEVIL
MADE HER SAY IT!
I WON'T LOSE HOPE!
FORTUNE WILL
SHMILE ON YOU
SHOMEDAY!



A PLACE WHERE
LIARS ARE
TORTURED THE
REST OF
THEIR LIVES.
COFFIN TOWER!

HEH HEH HEH,
WE'RE TAKIN'
YA TO A LOVELY
PLACE, PRINCE—
ER, PRINCESS!

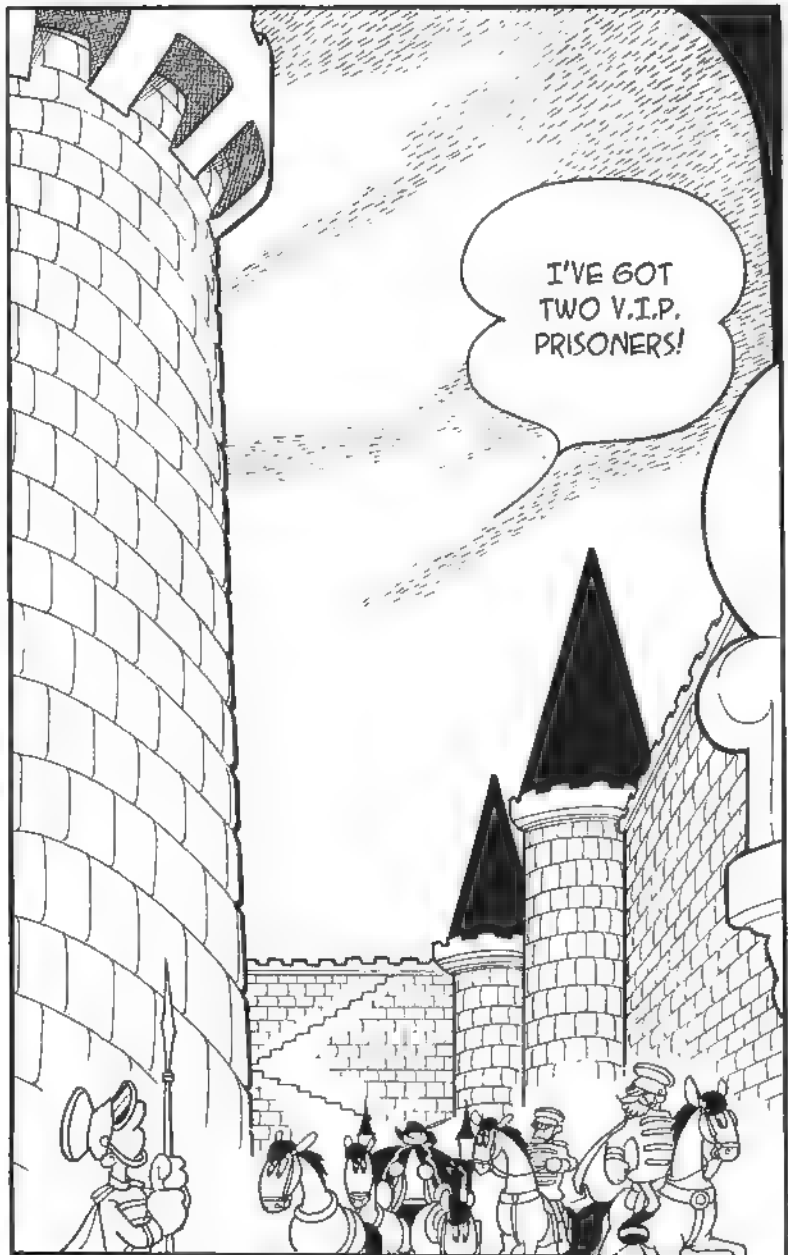




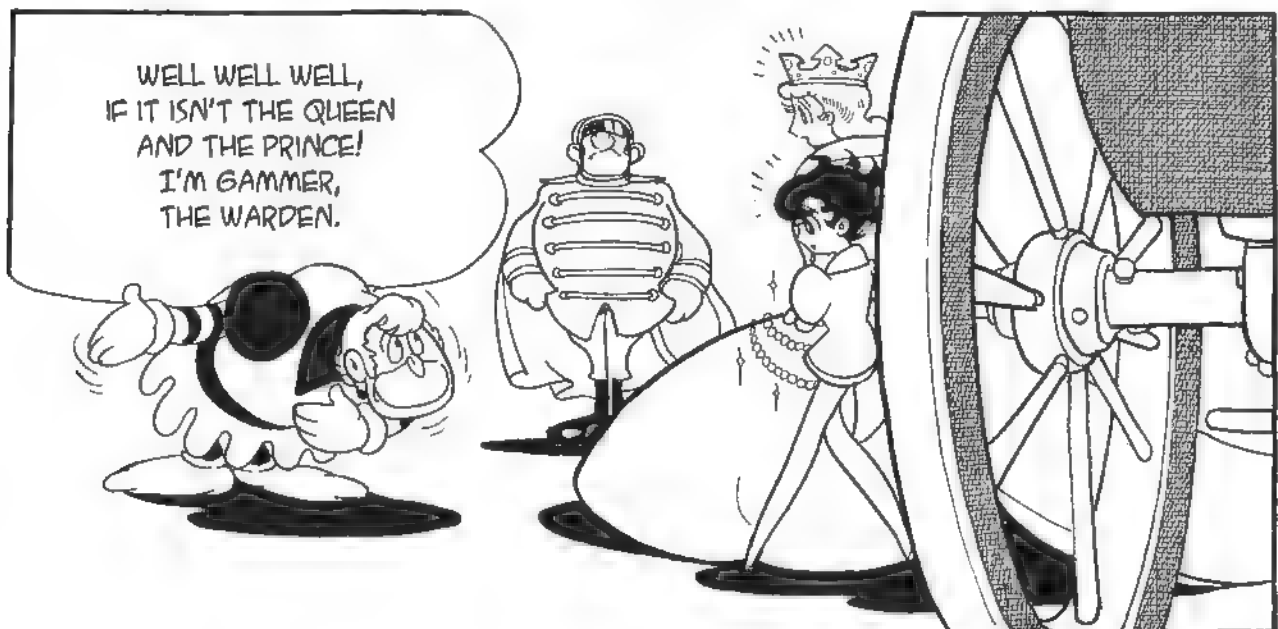
GAMMER?
WHERE'S
WARDEN
GAMMER?



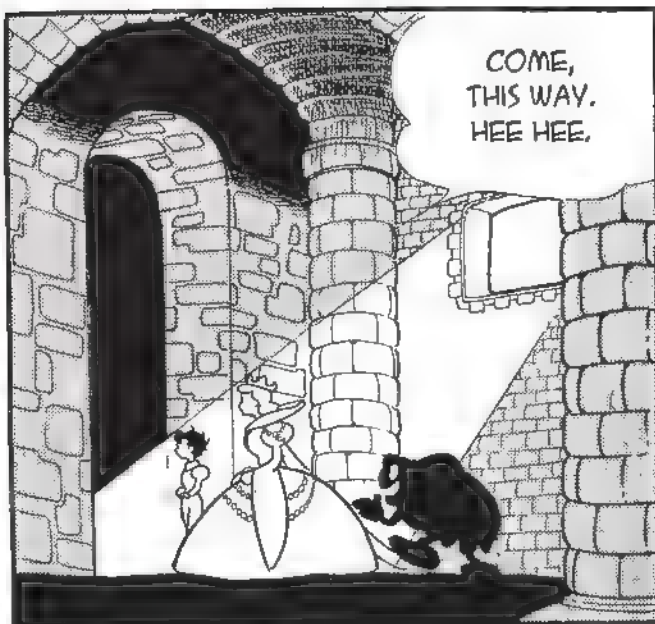
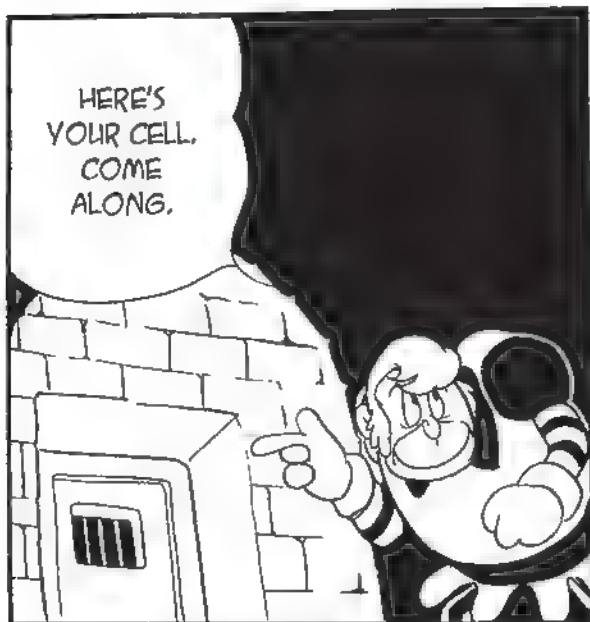
HERE I AM.
AT YER SERVICE,
SIR.

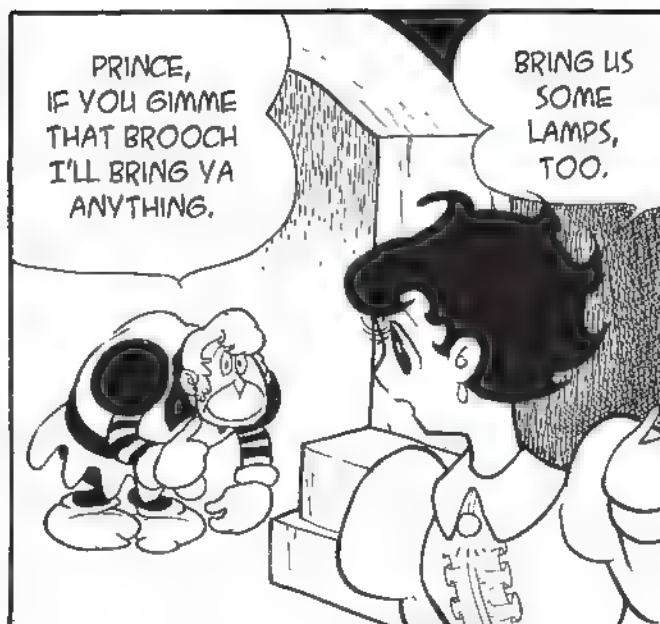


I'VE GOT
TWO V.I.P.
PRISONERS!

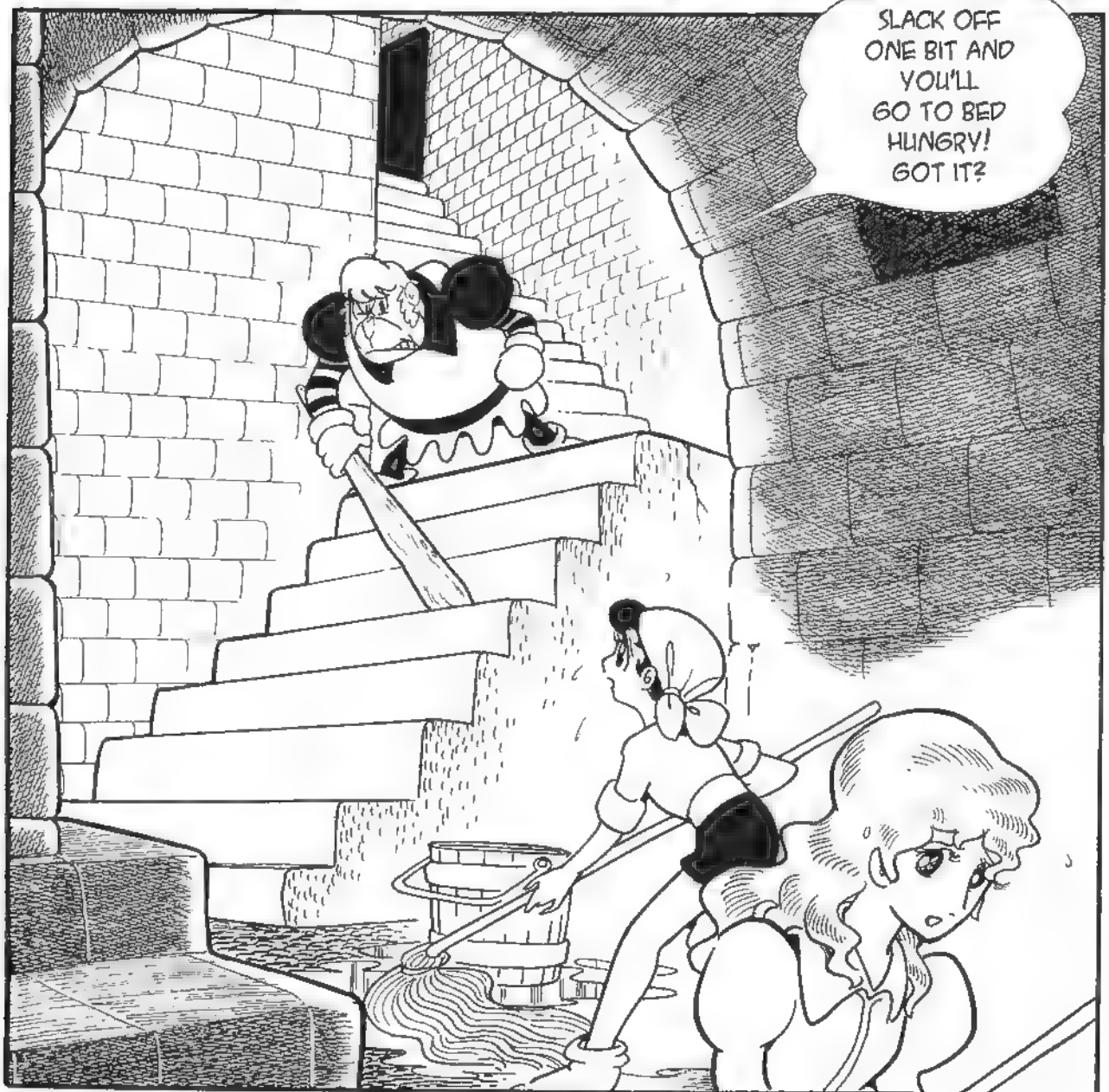


WELL WELL WELL,
IF IT ISN'T THE QUEEN
AND THE PRINCE!
I'M GAMMER,
THE WARDEN.



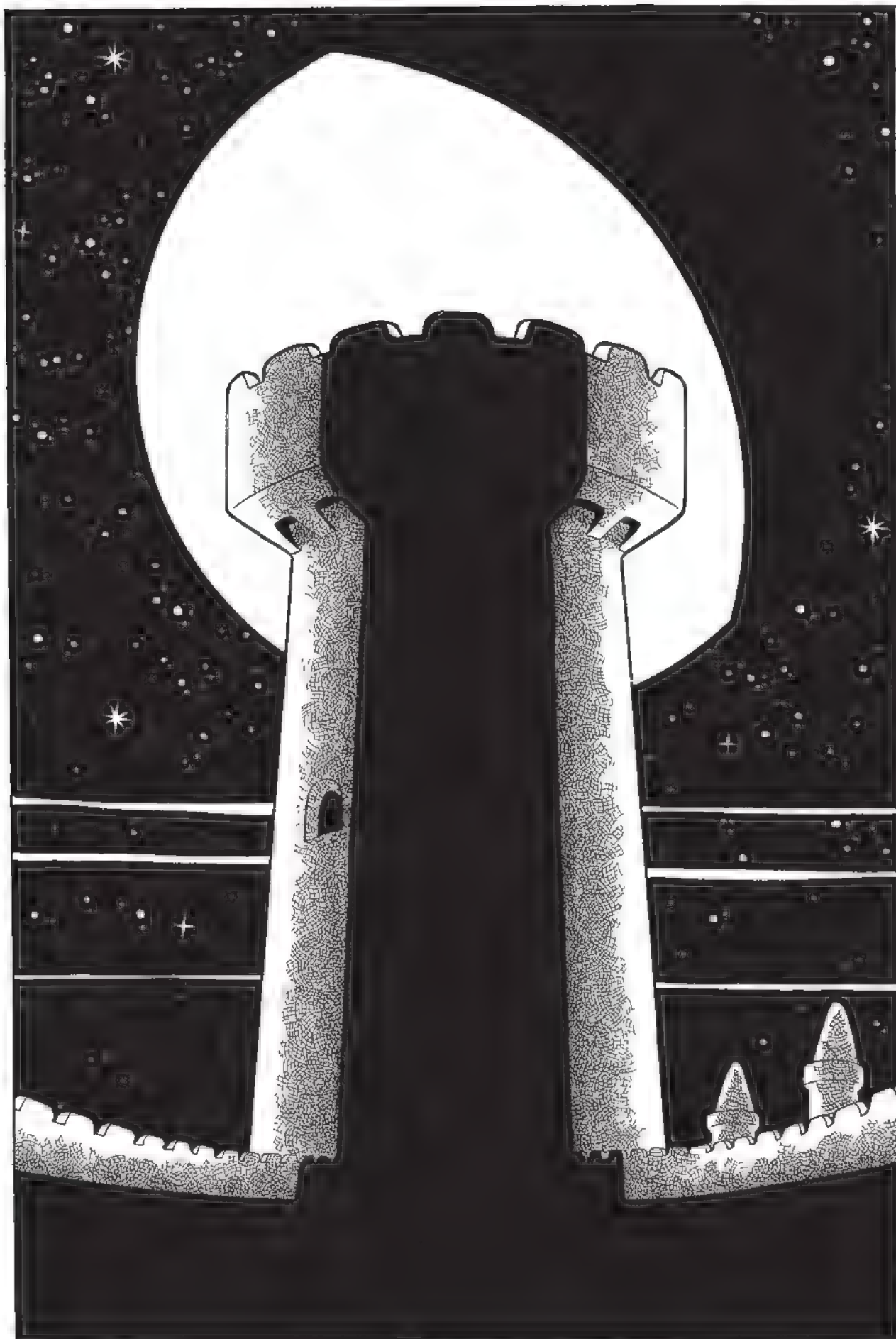


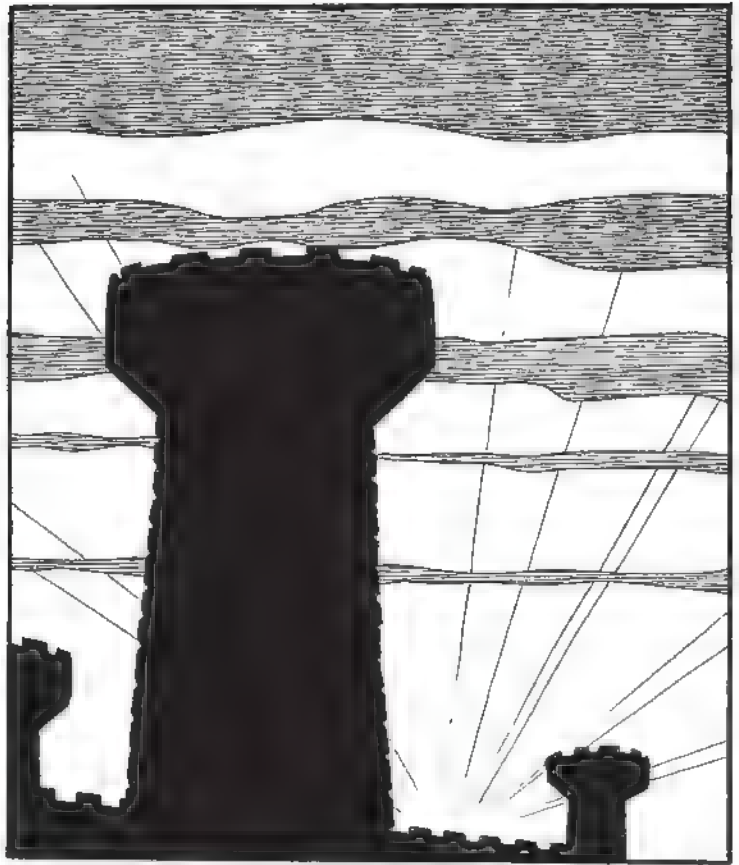
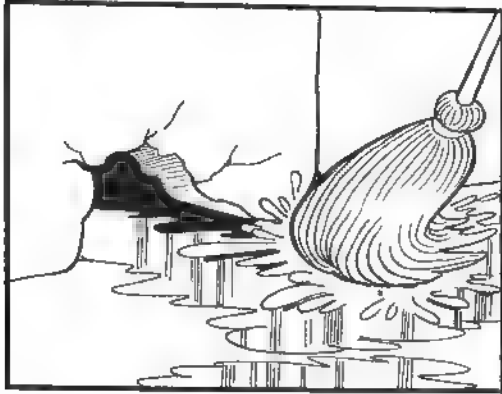
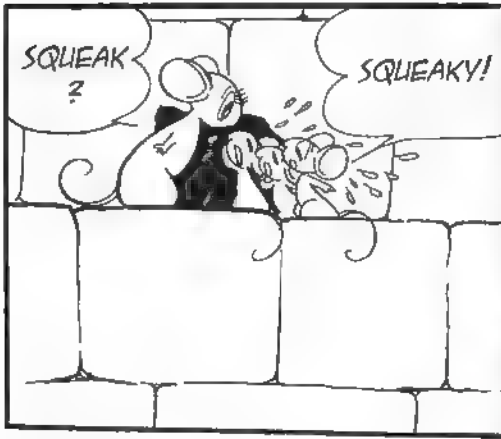


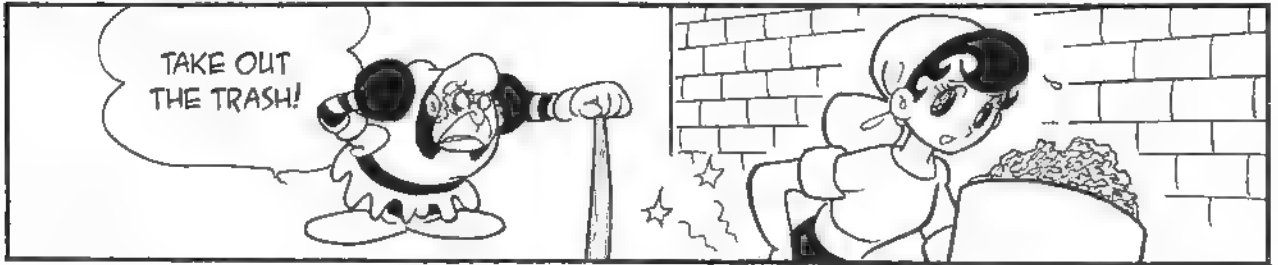
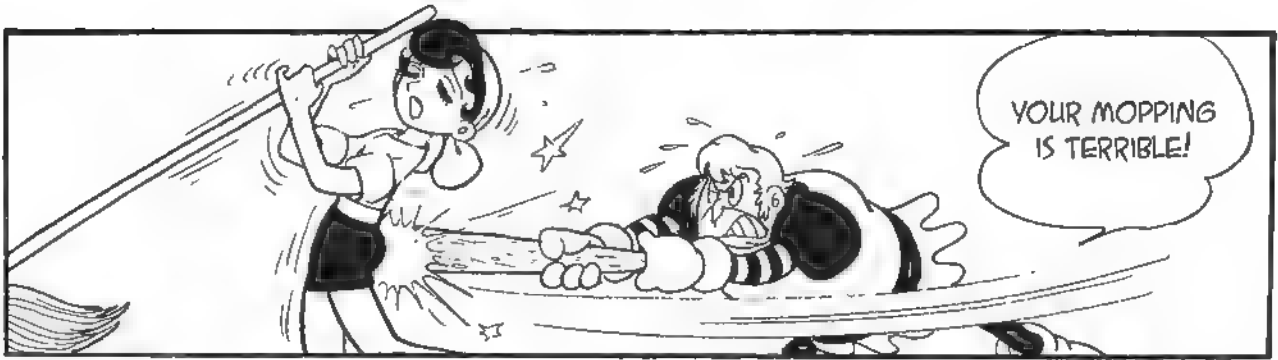


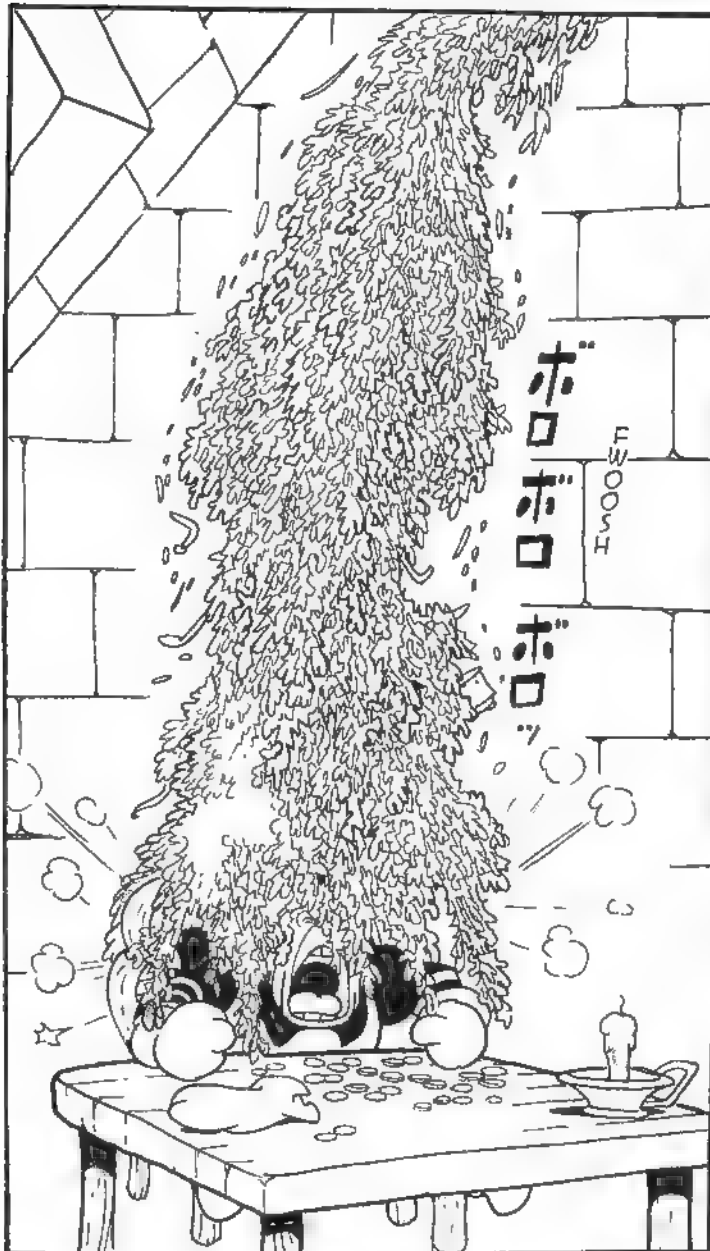
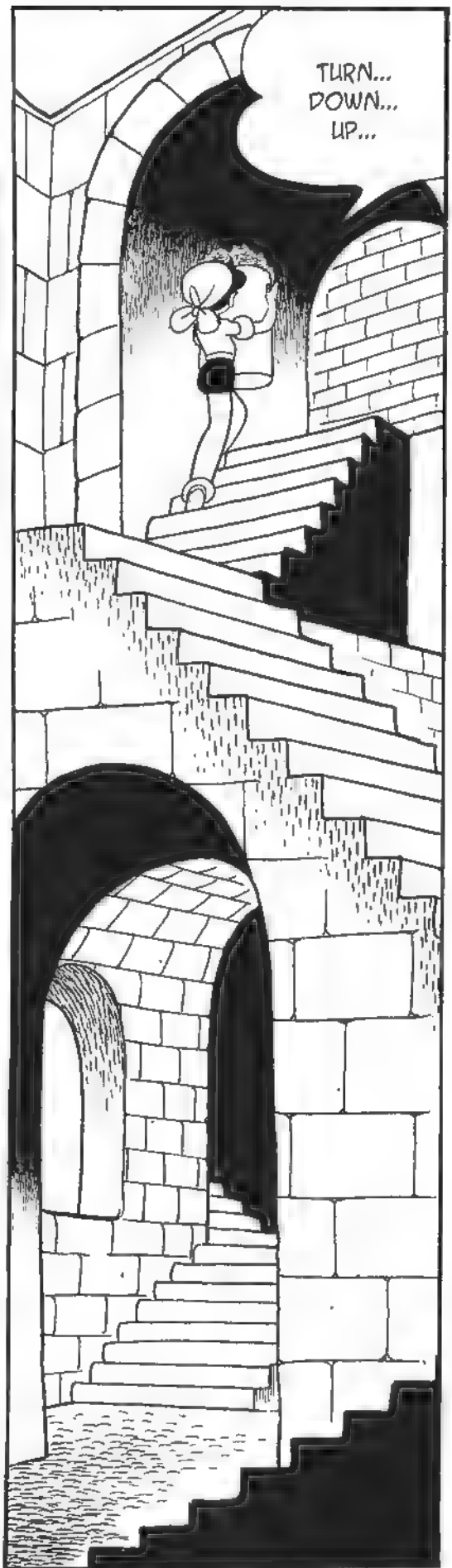
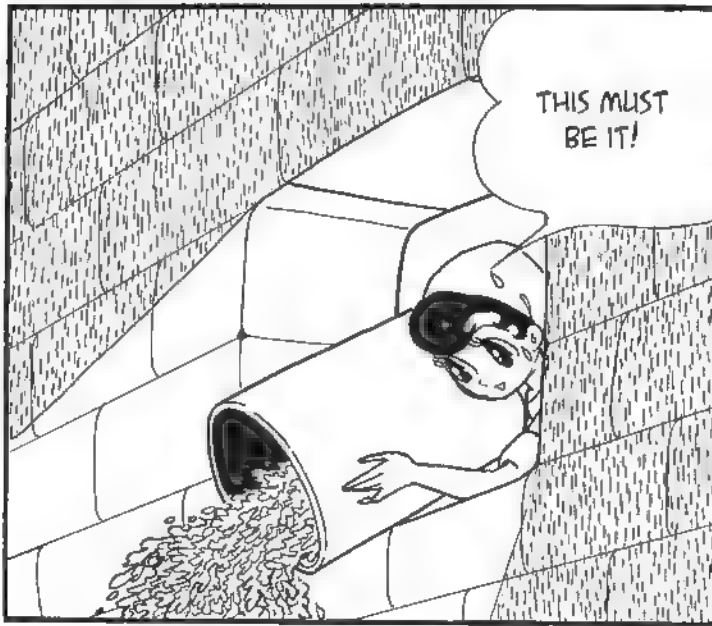
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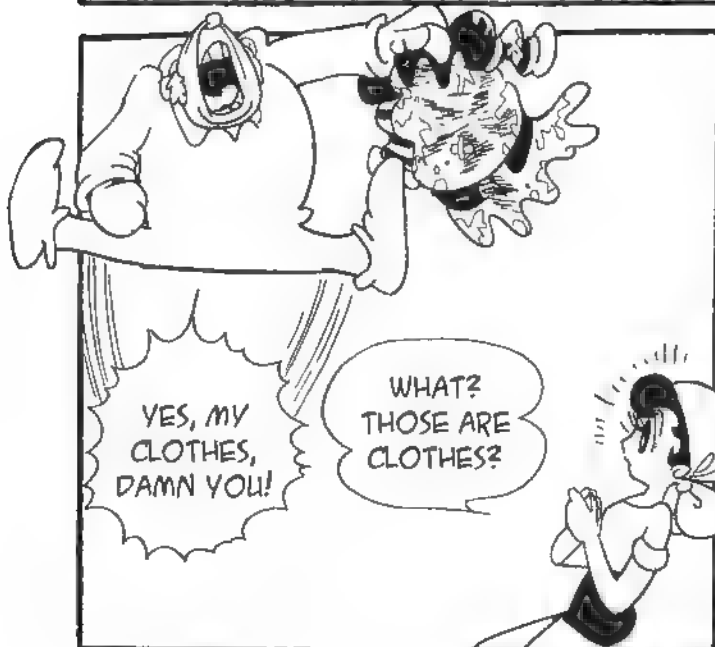
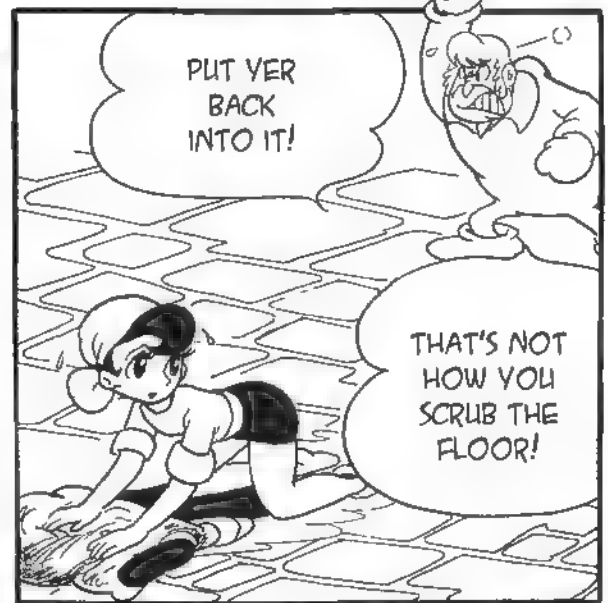
Sapphire in Coffin Tower

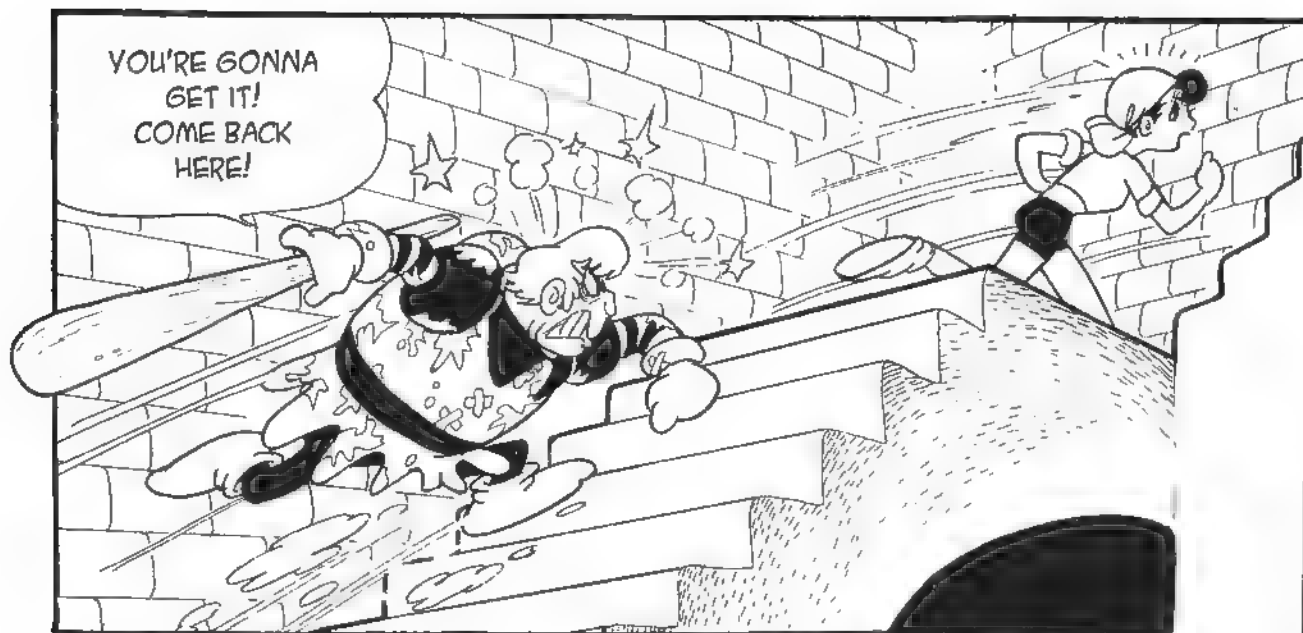














I'M SO SORRY. THIS WAS YOUR HOME, WASN'T IT?

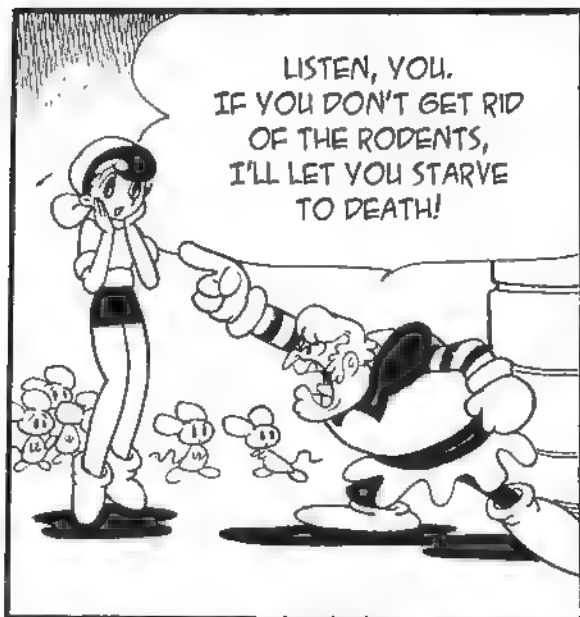


TRAP THOSE RATS! I WON'T LET YOU REST UNTIL YOU CATCH 'EM!



HEY!

SQUEAK!



LISTEN, YOU. IF YOU DON'T GET RID OF THE RODENTS, I'LL LET YOU STARVE TO DEATH!



HEY, HEY, HEY!

YOU POOR THINGS. HERE, I MADE YOU A SIGN.

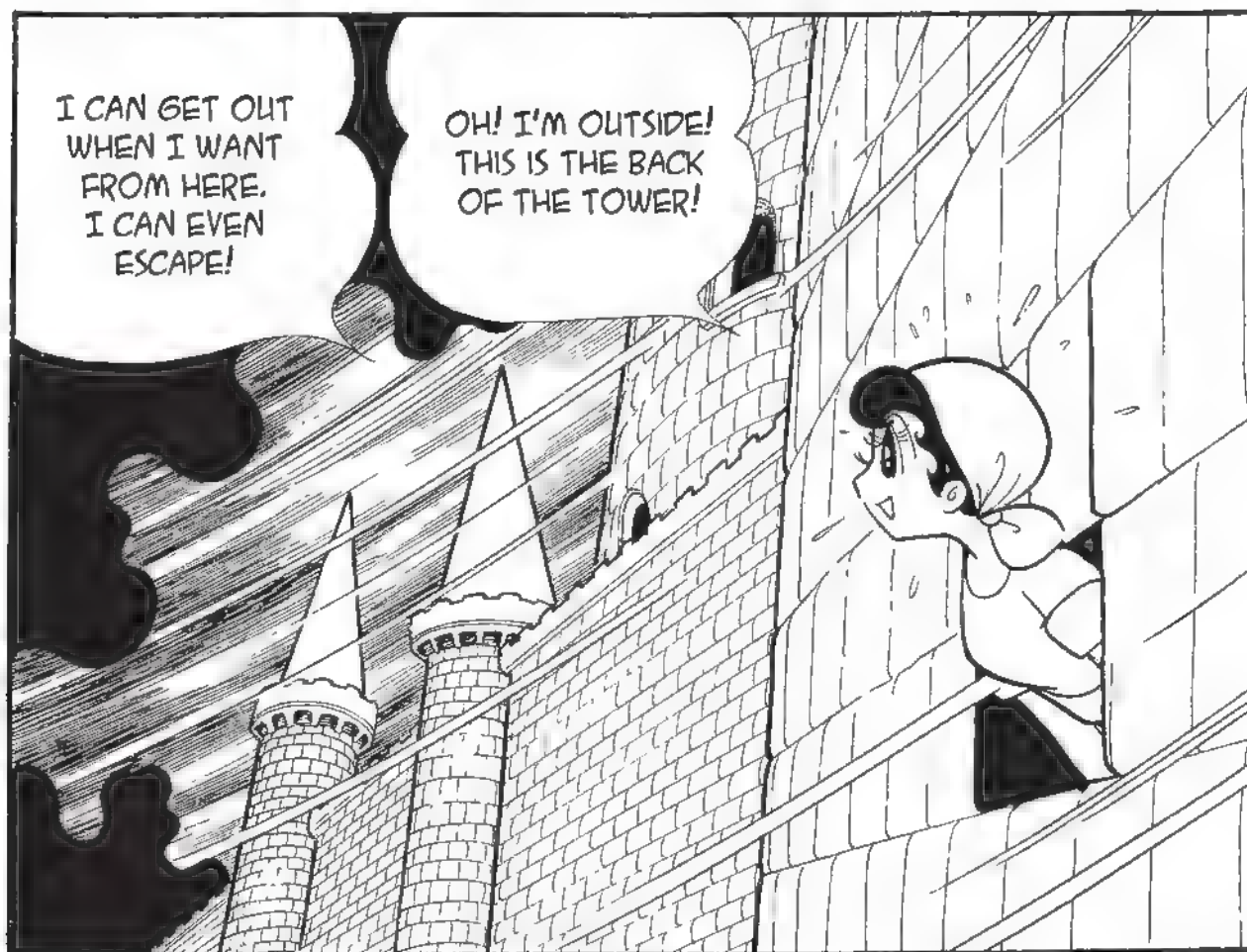
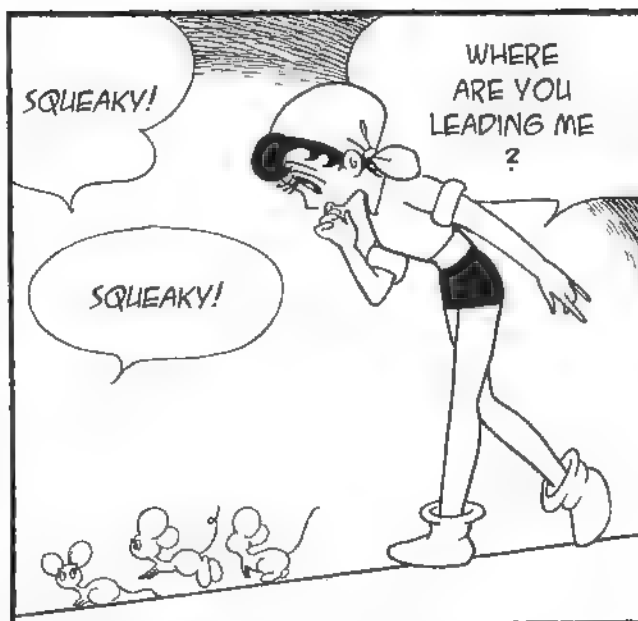
Mouse House

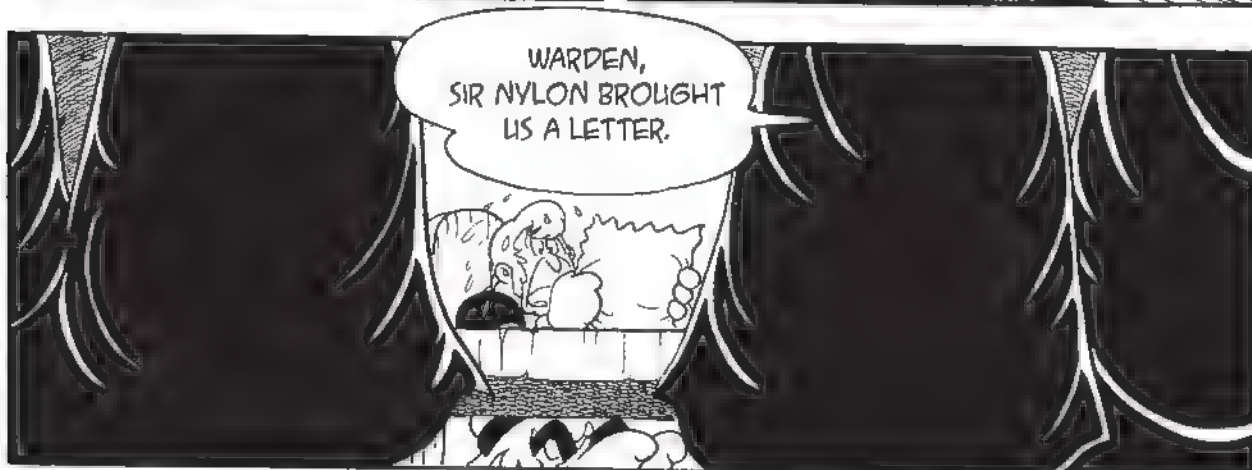
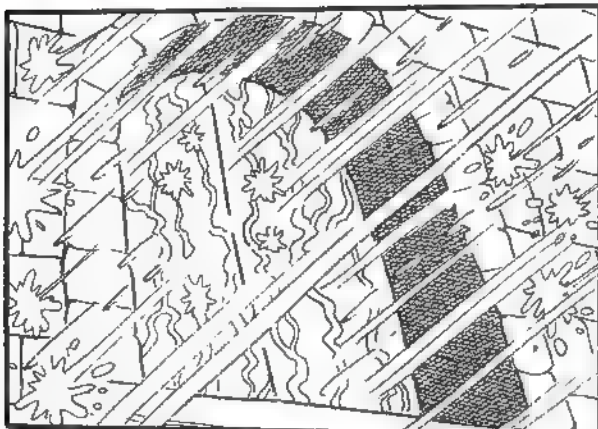
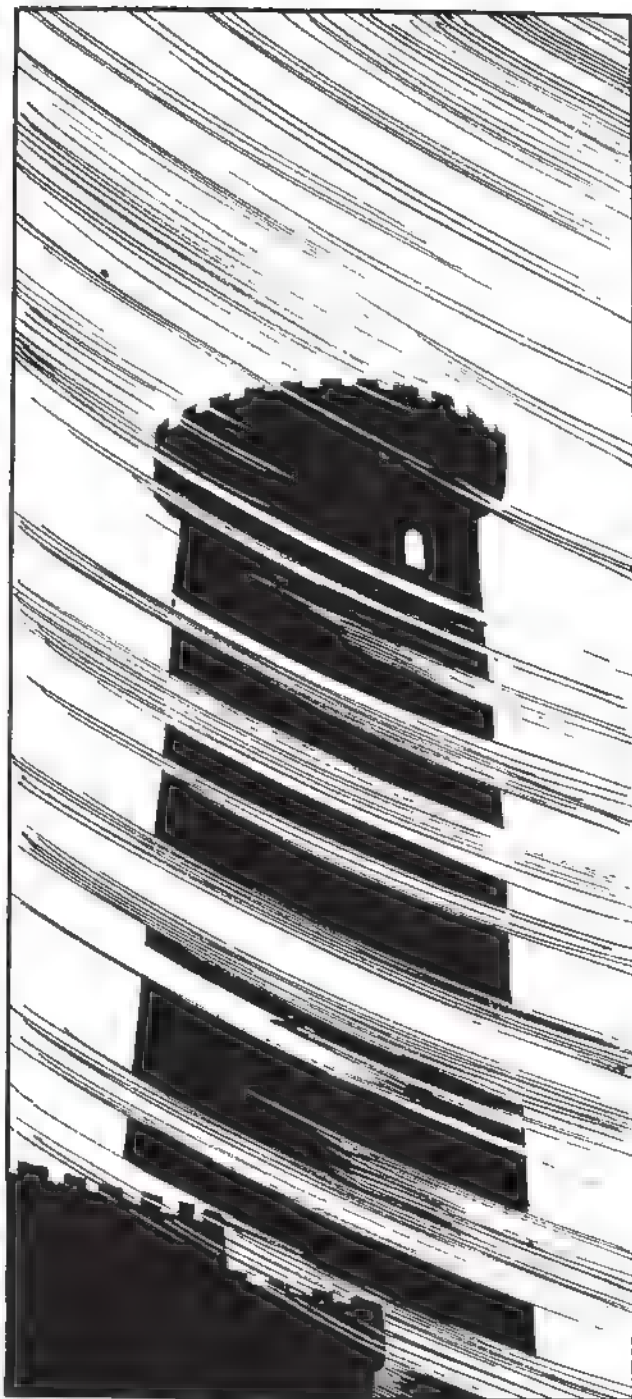


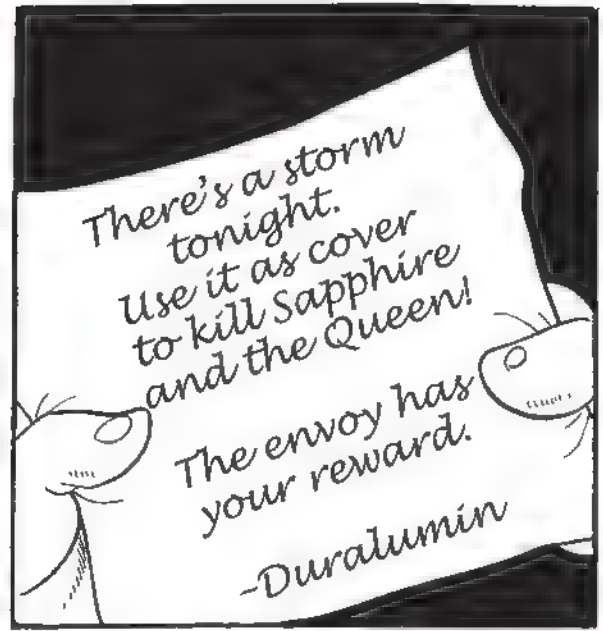
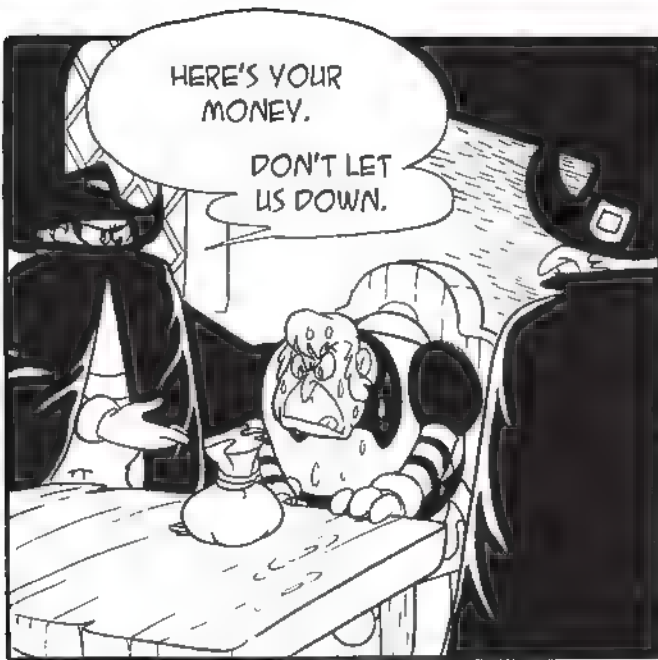
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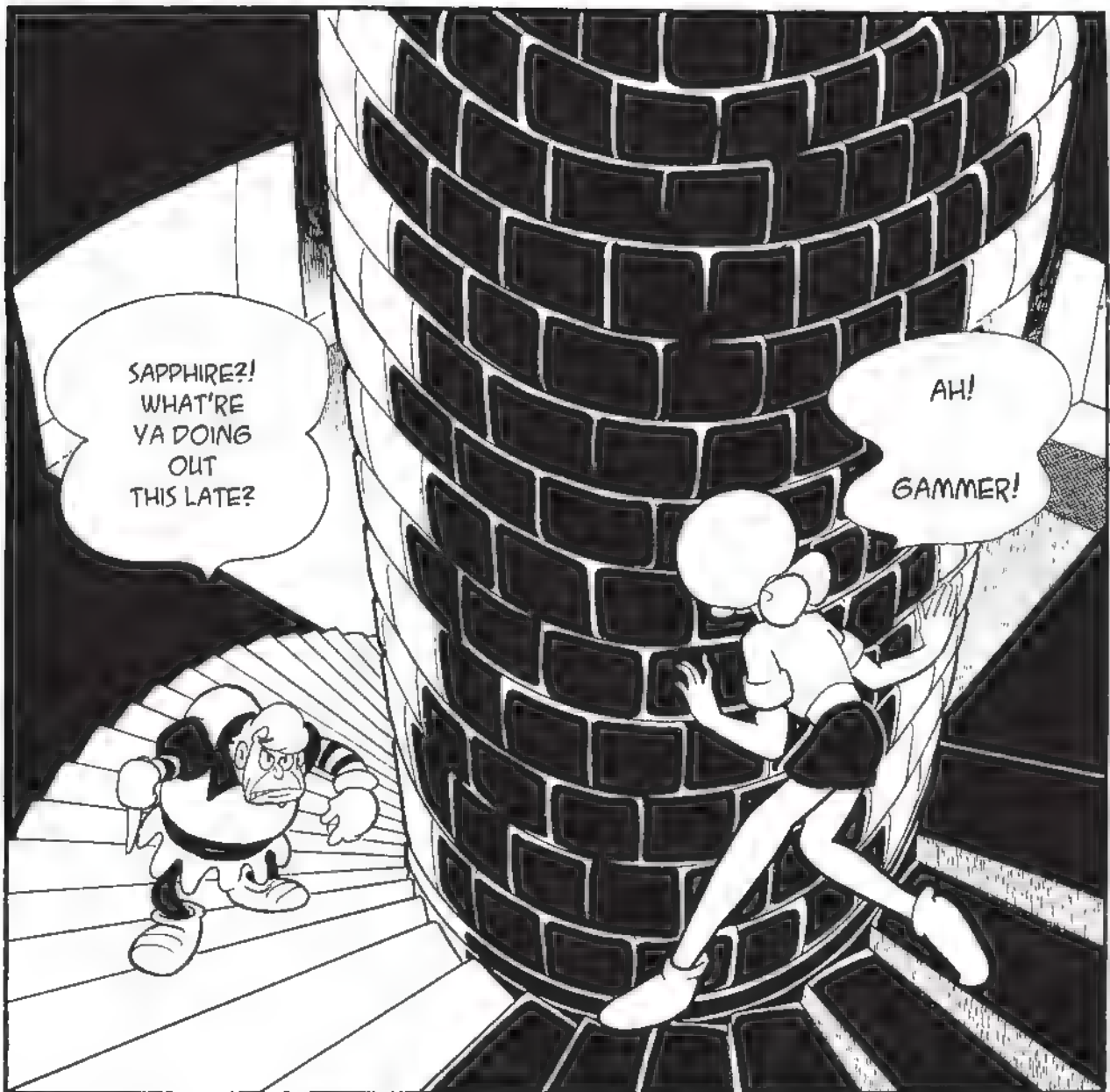


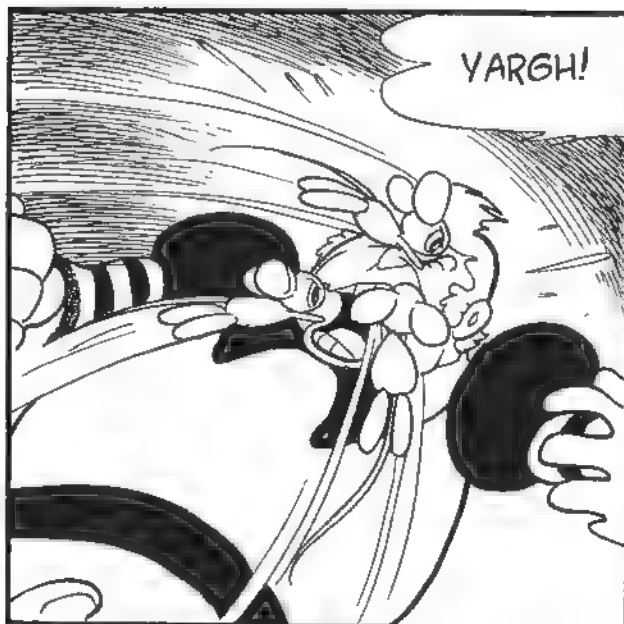
I DON'T CARE. I'VE LOST MY APPETITE.

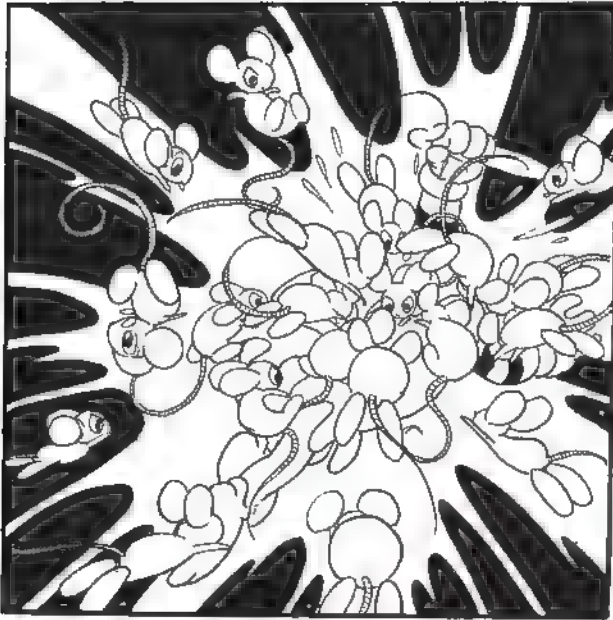


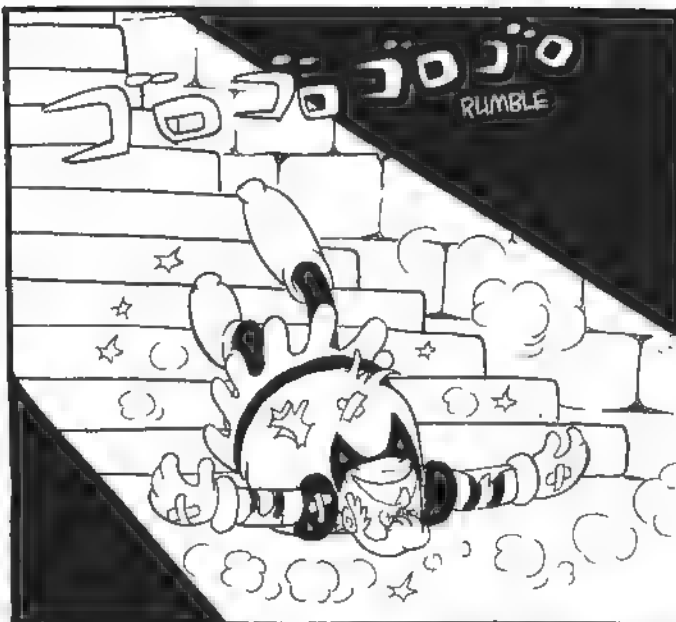
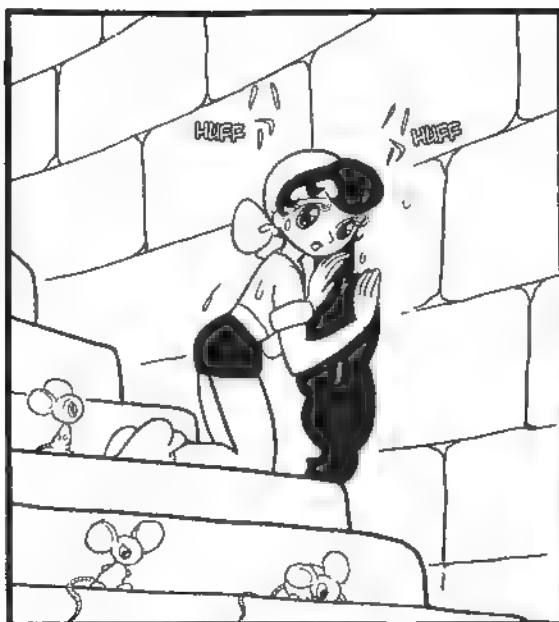


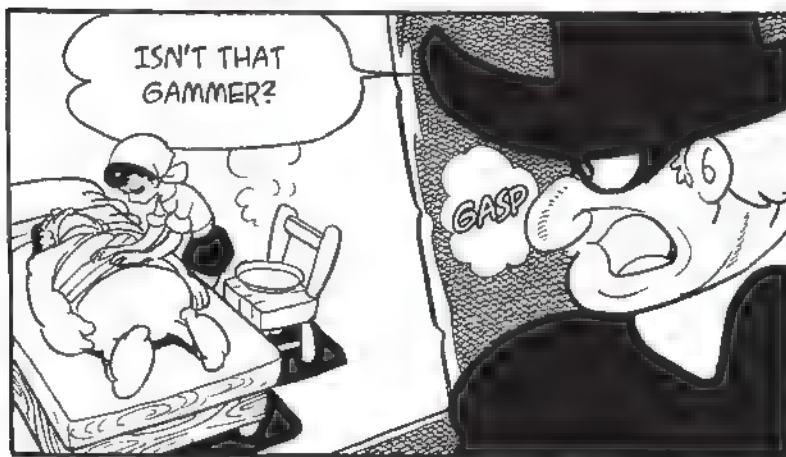
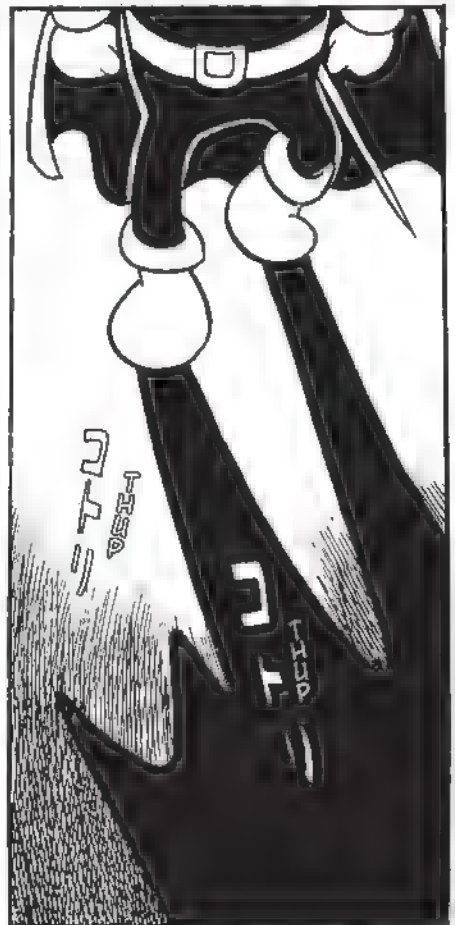
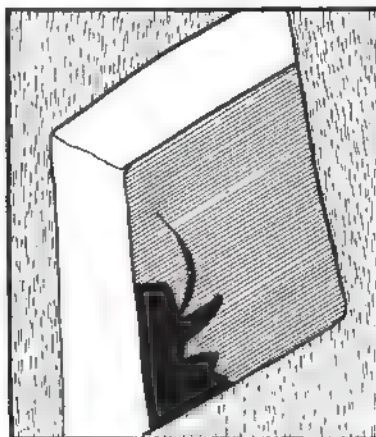
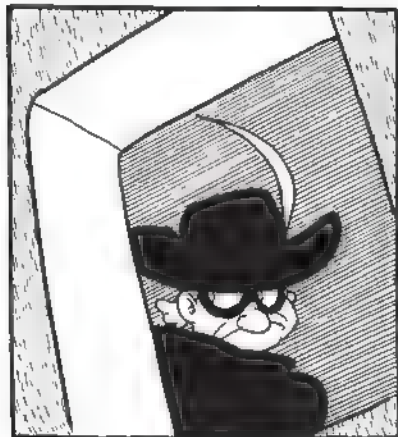


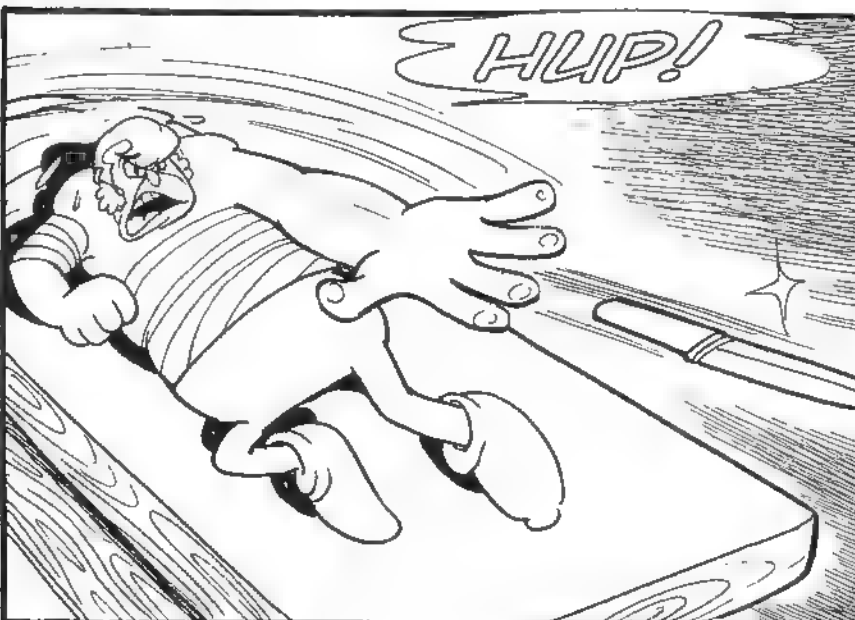
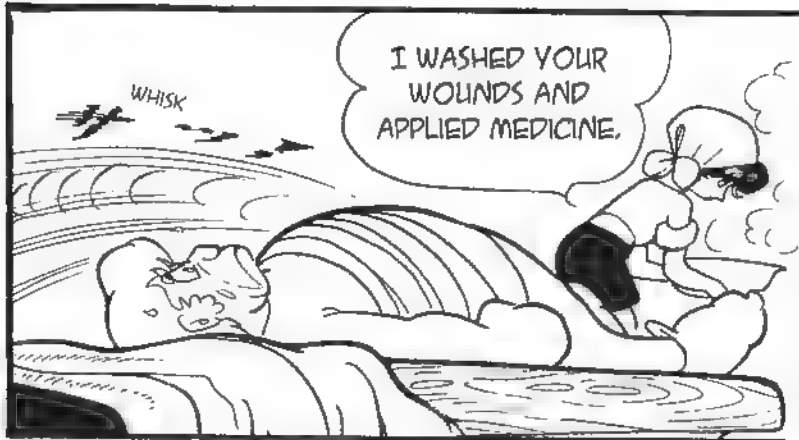
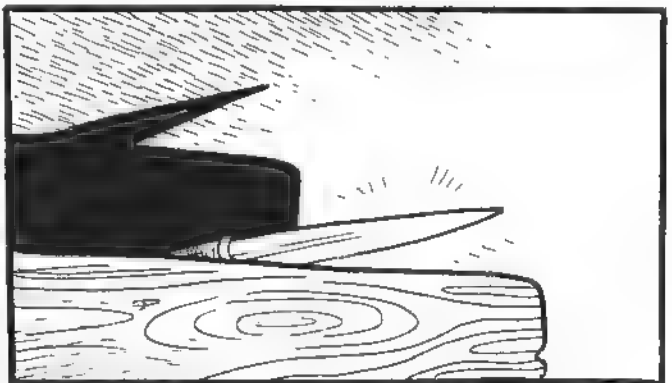
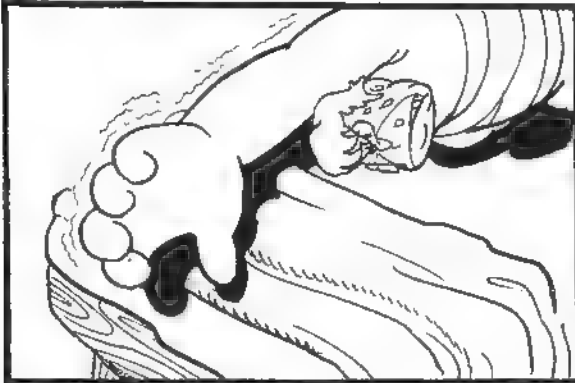
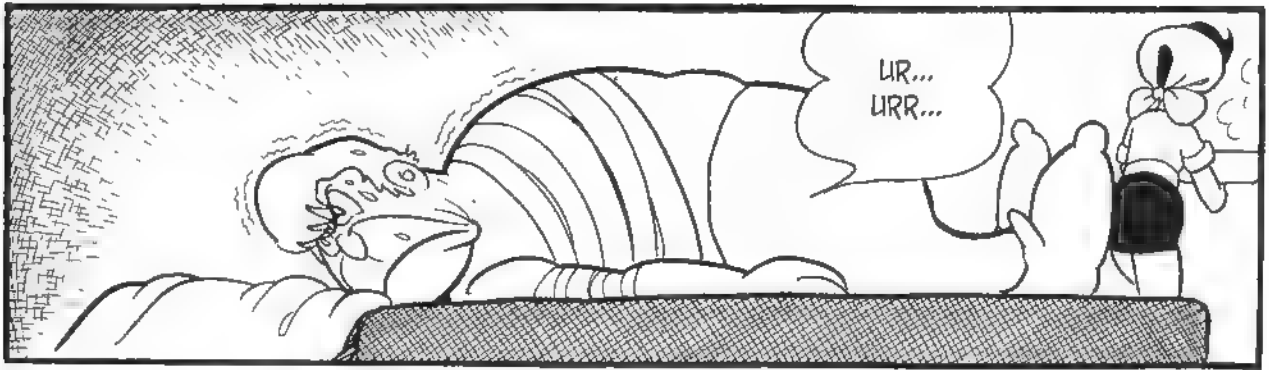


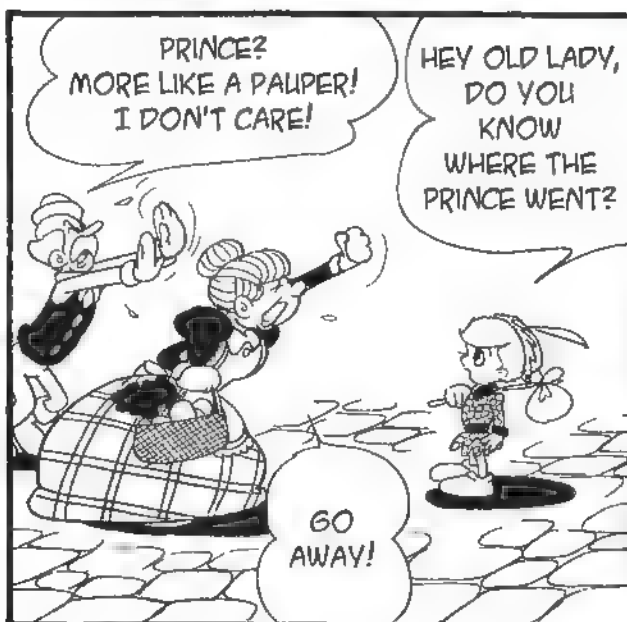
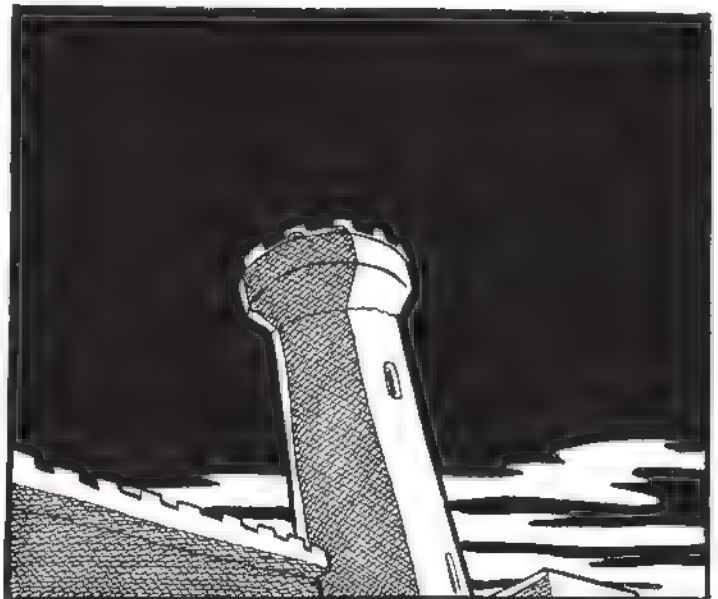
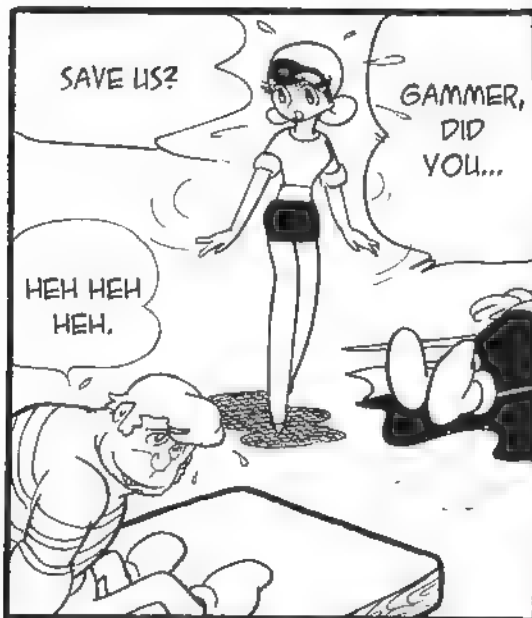


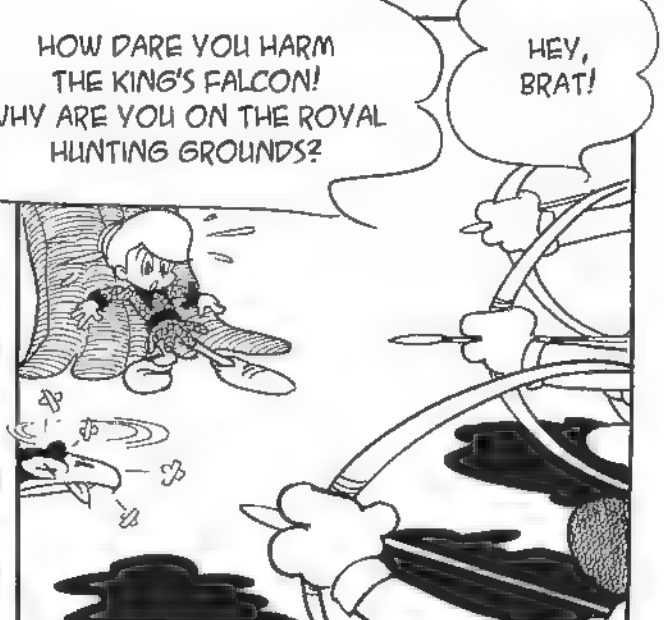
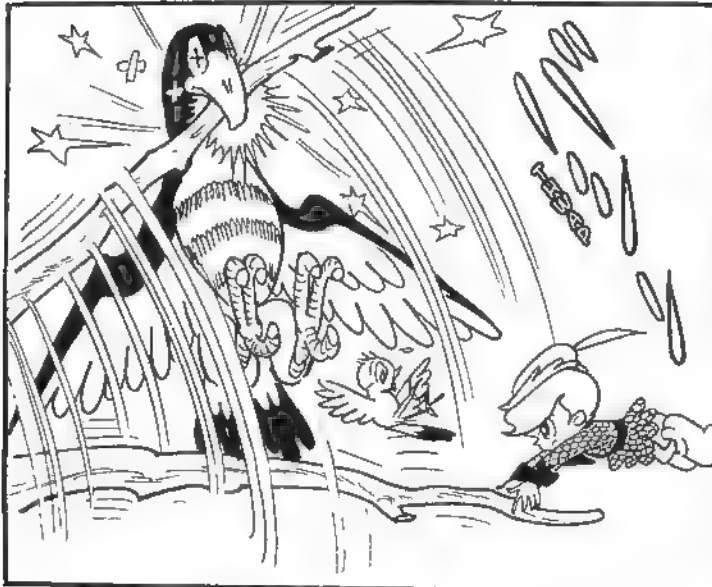








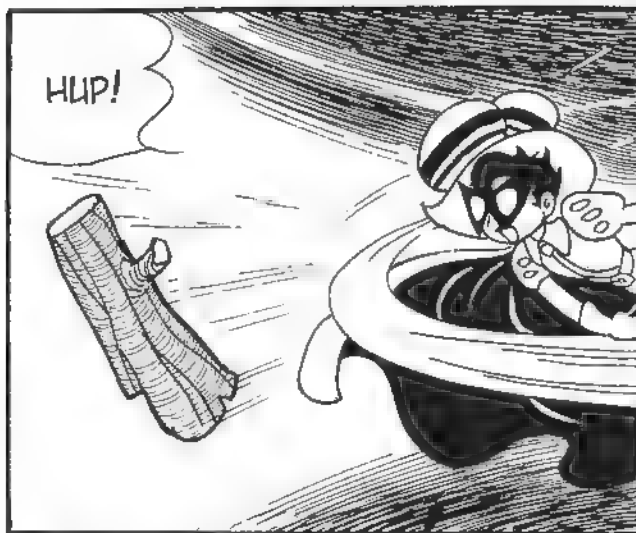
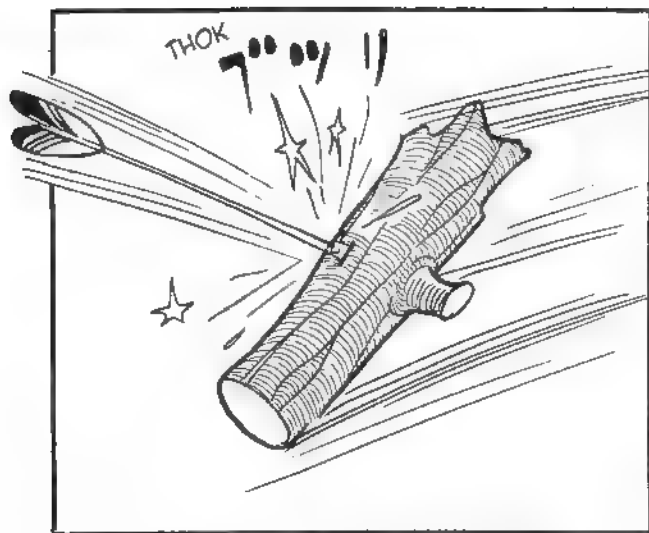


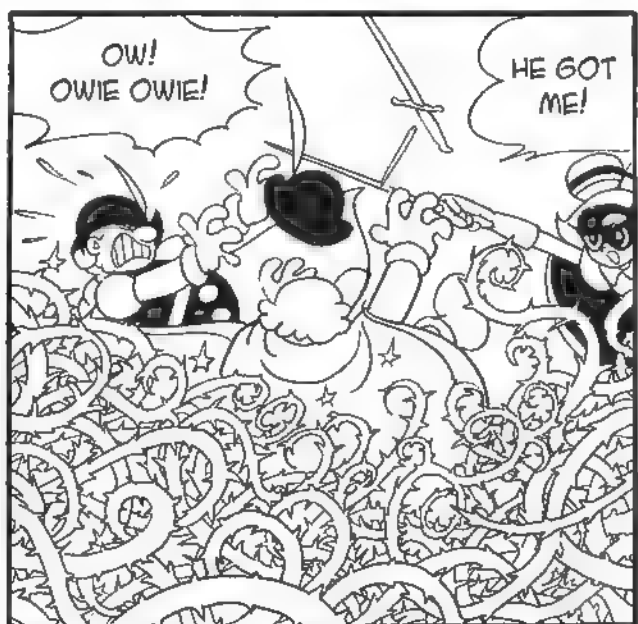
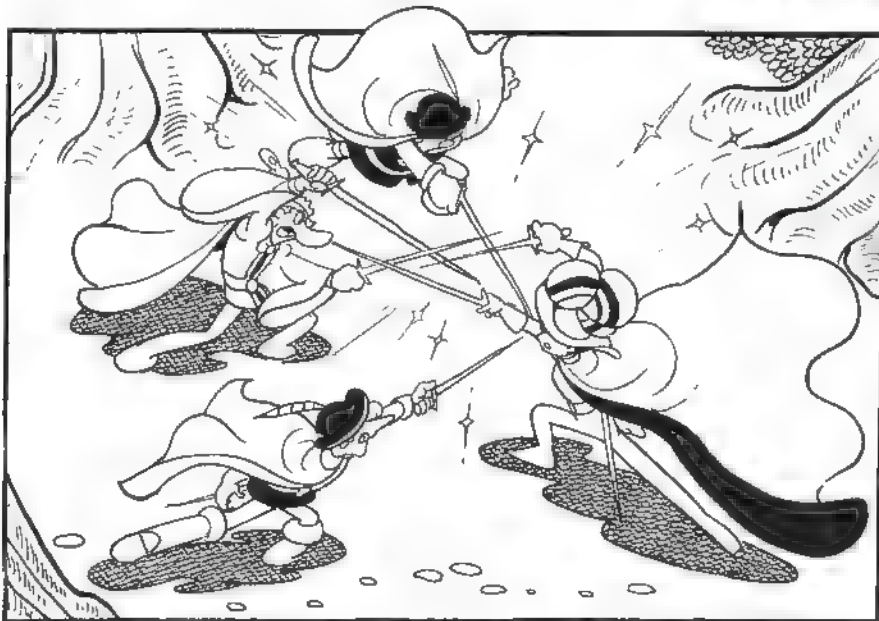


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Phantom Knight's Debut

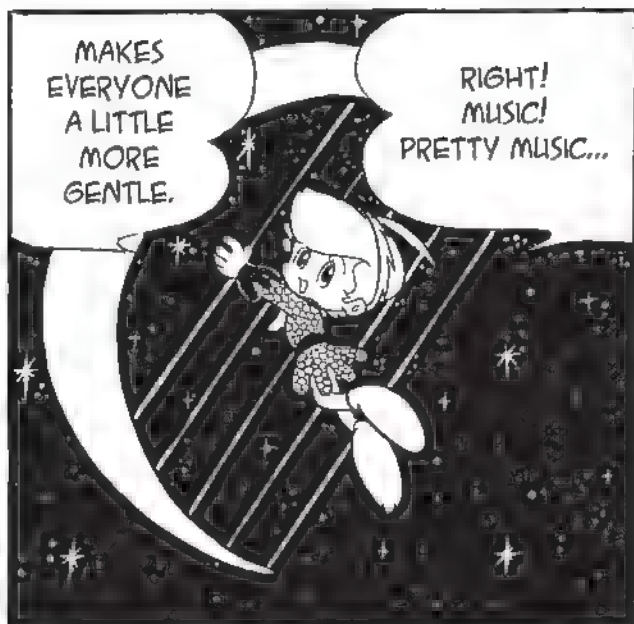


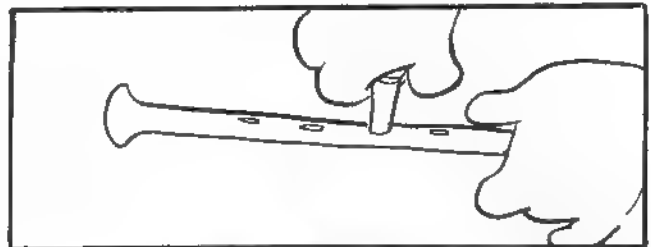
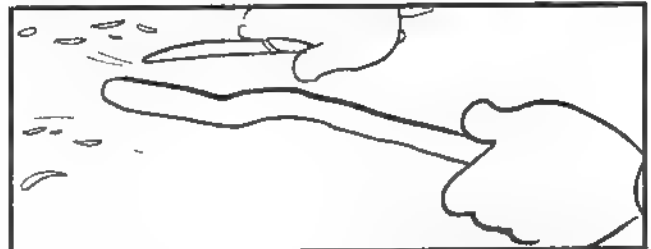


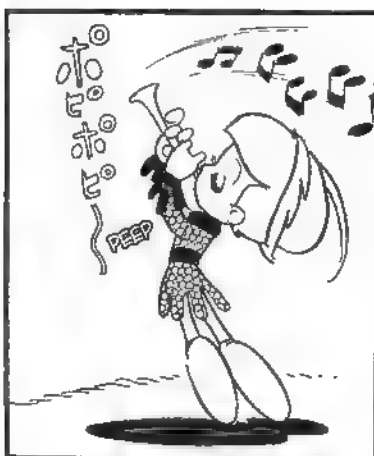


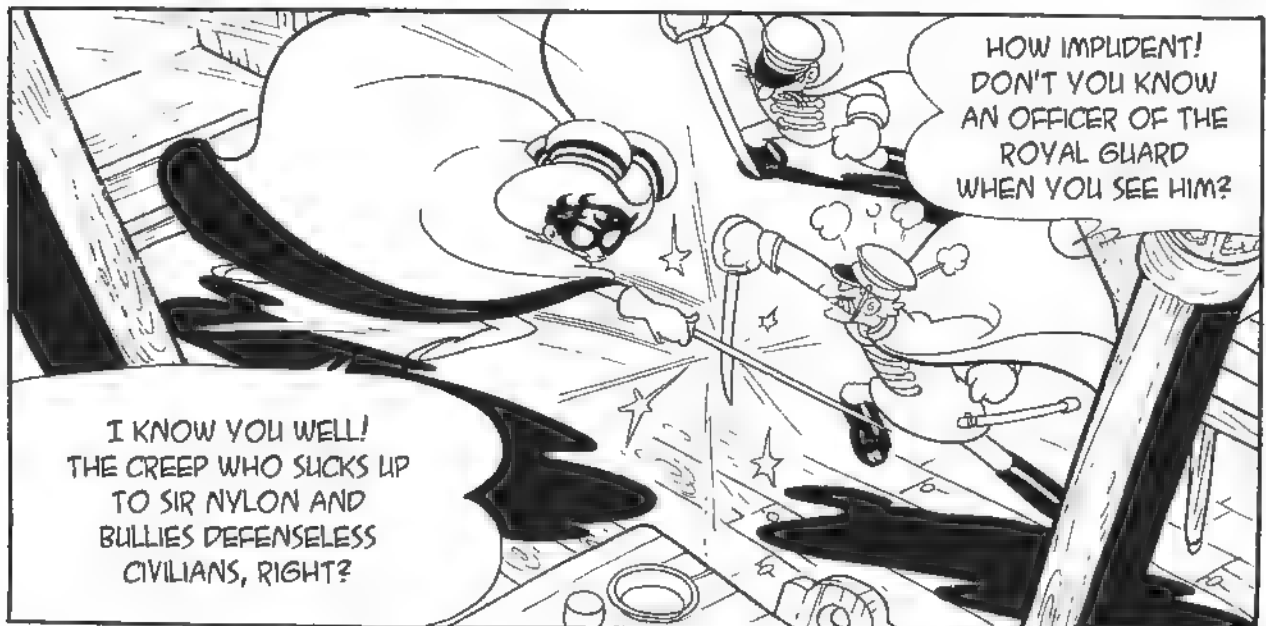
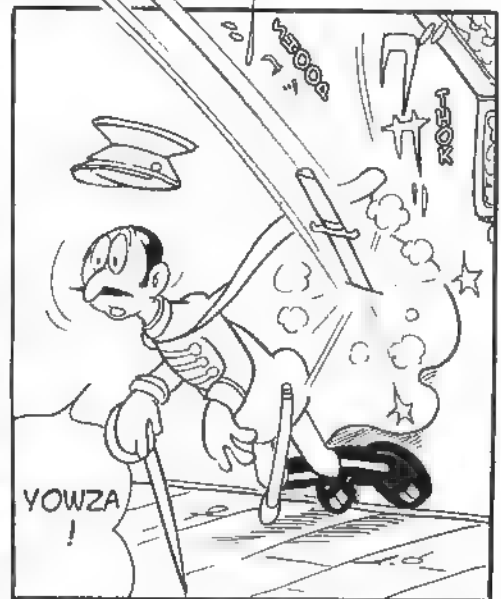
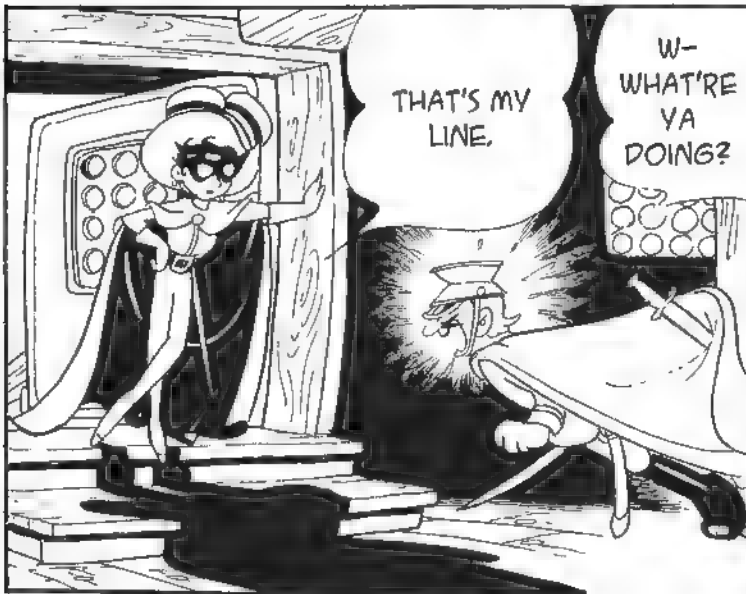


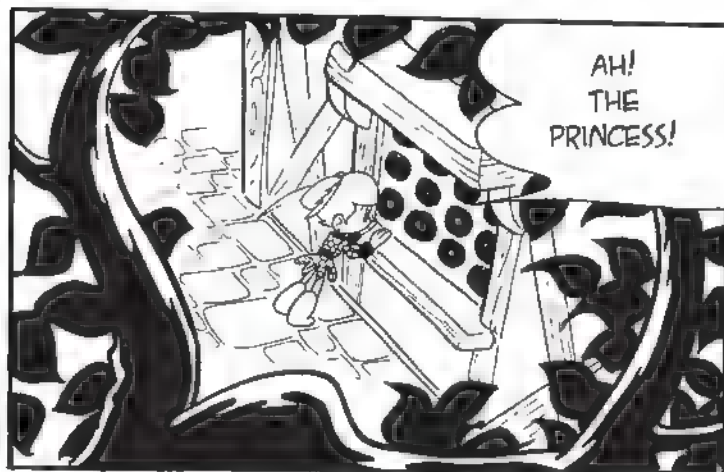
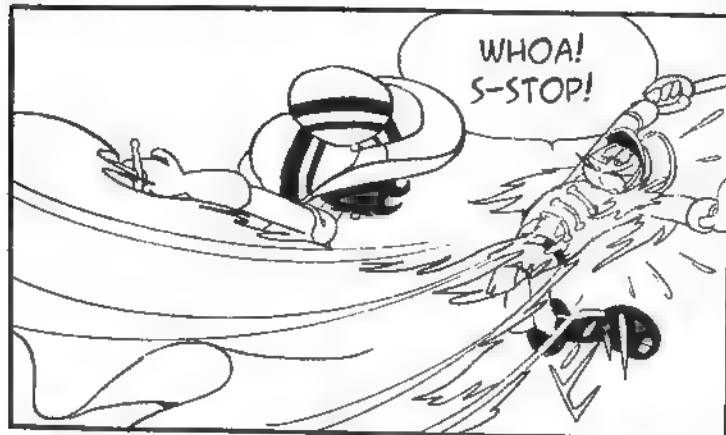
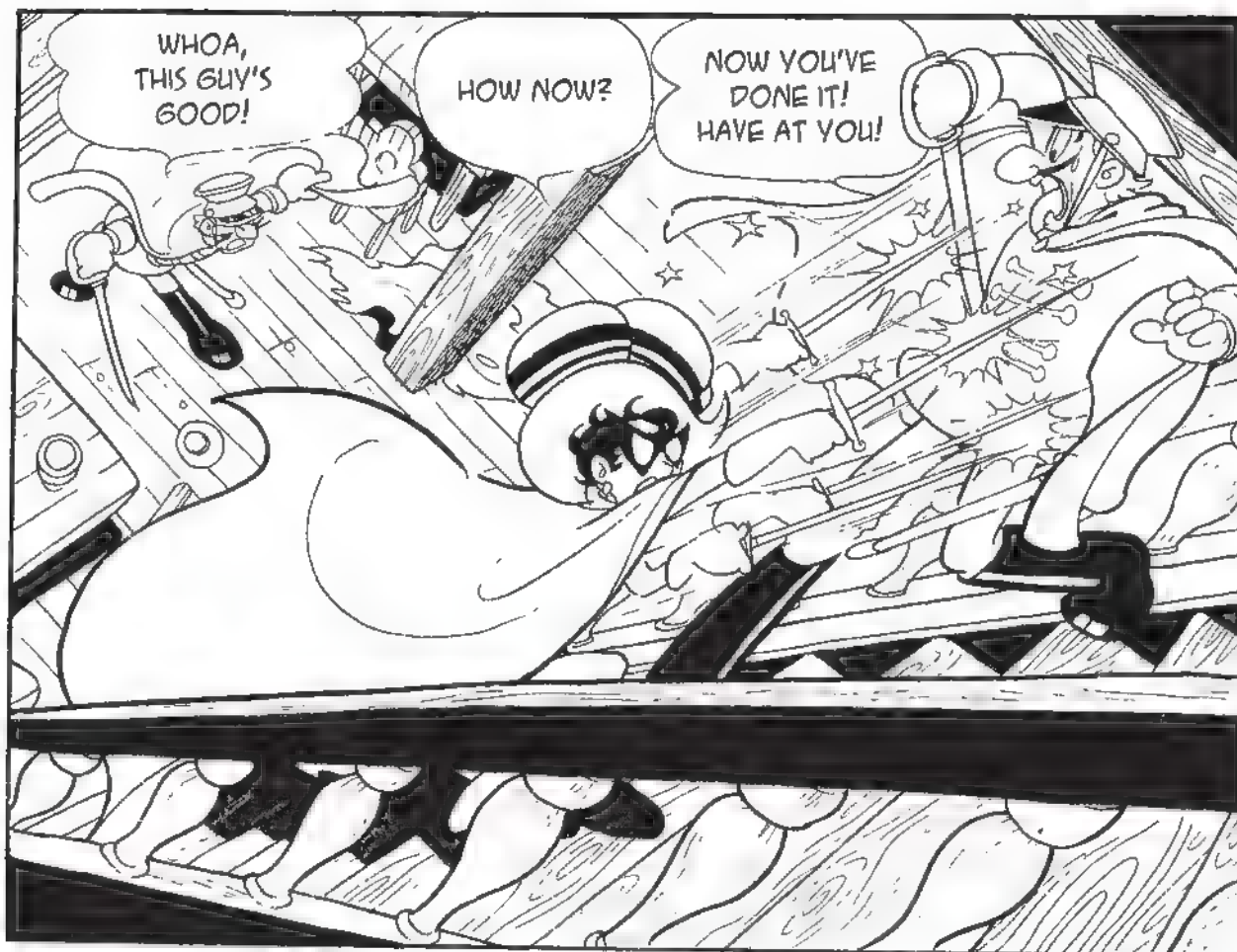


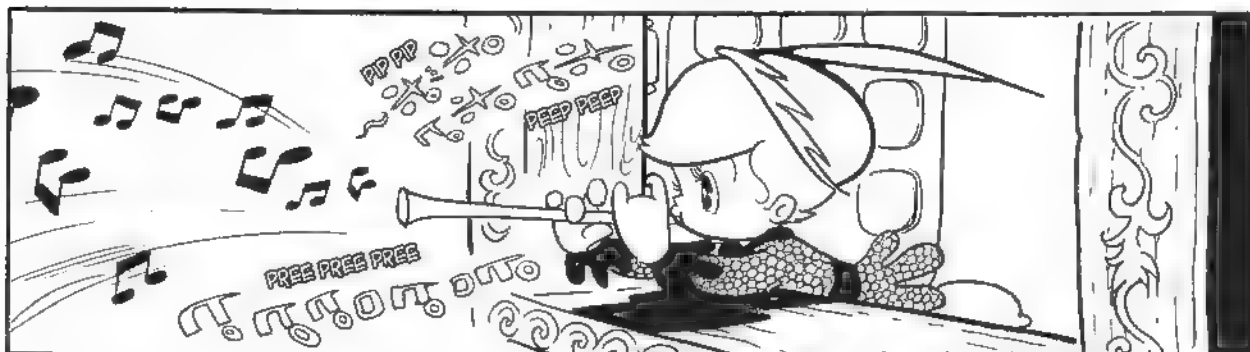




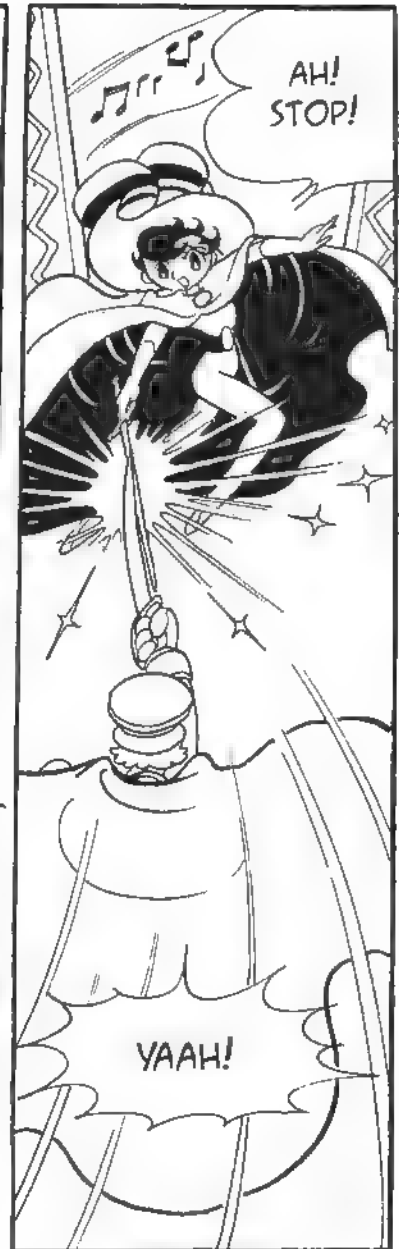
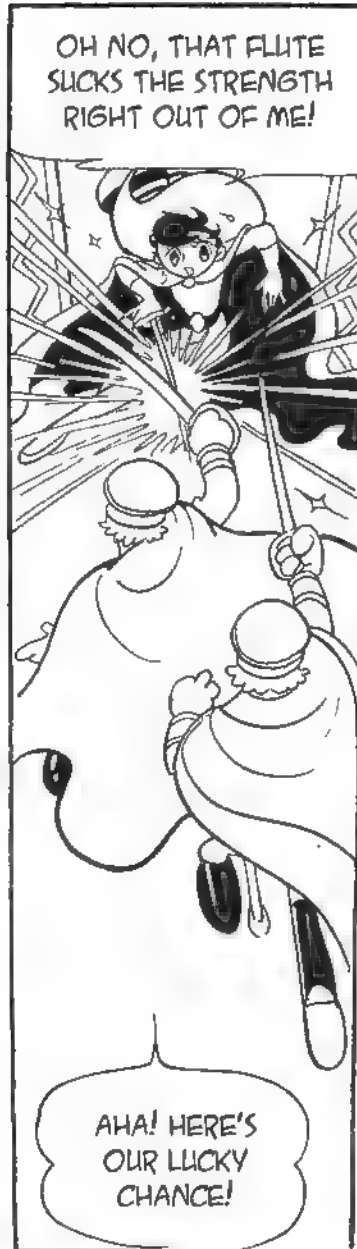


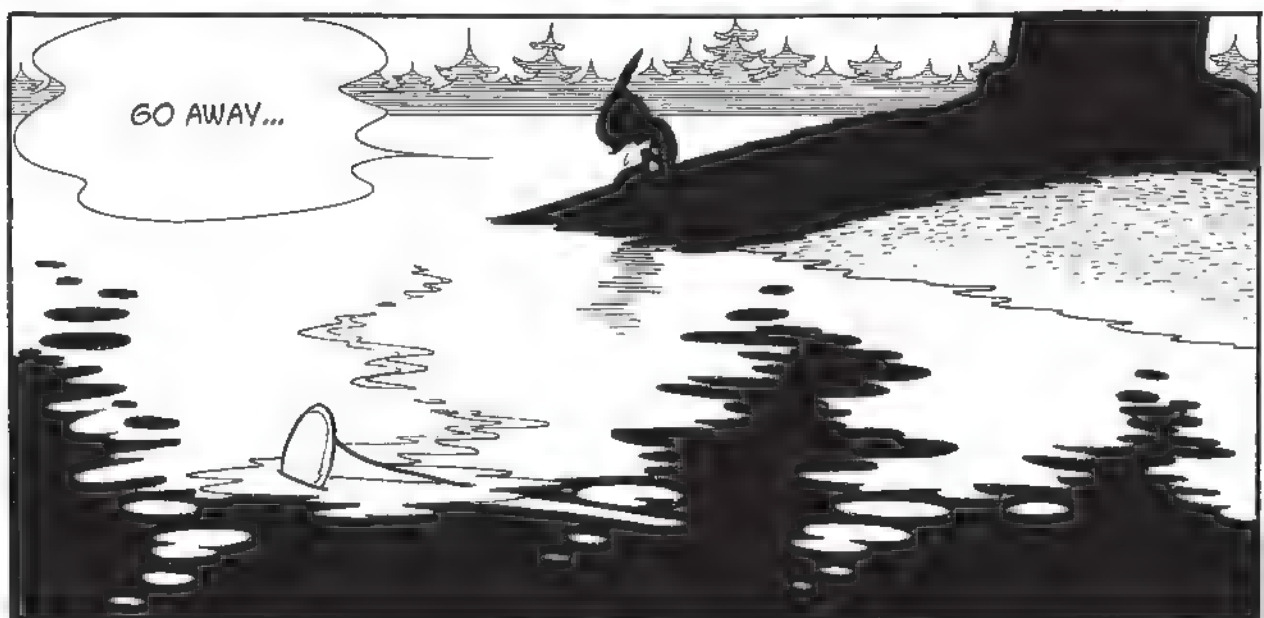
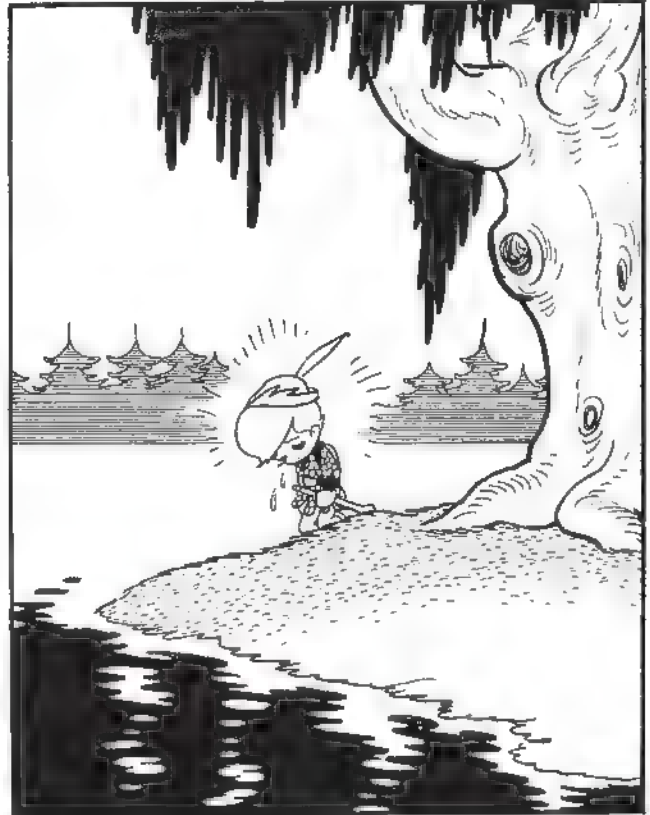
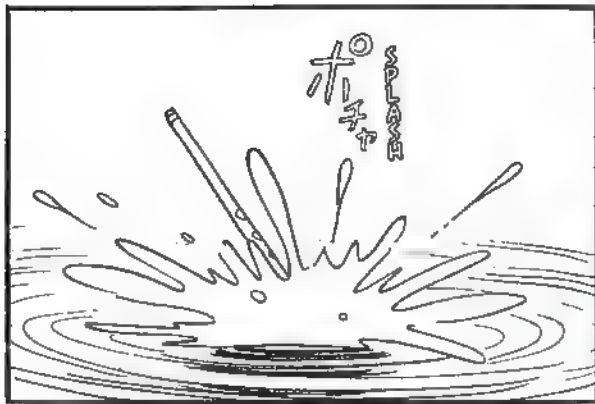
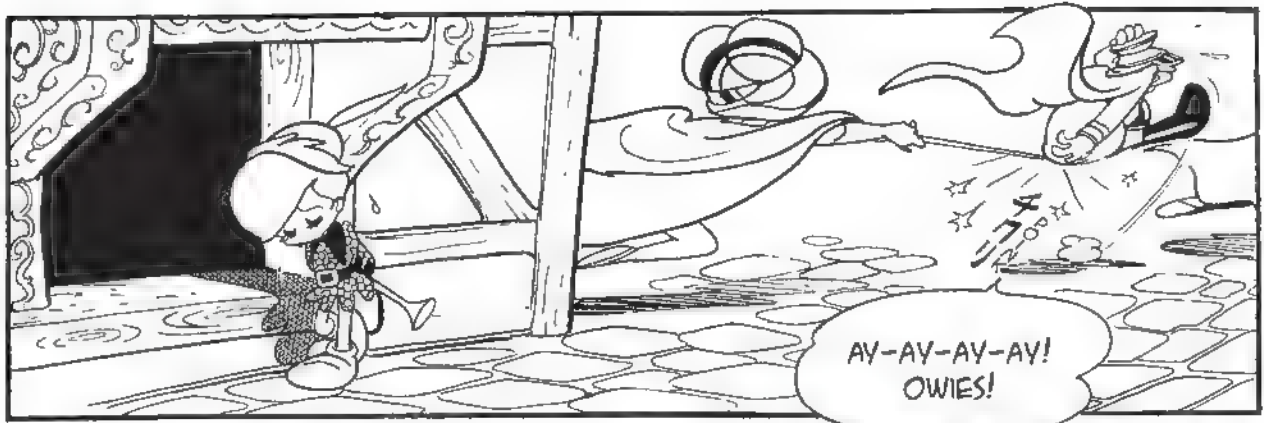








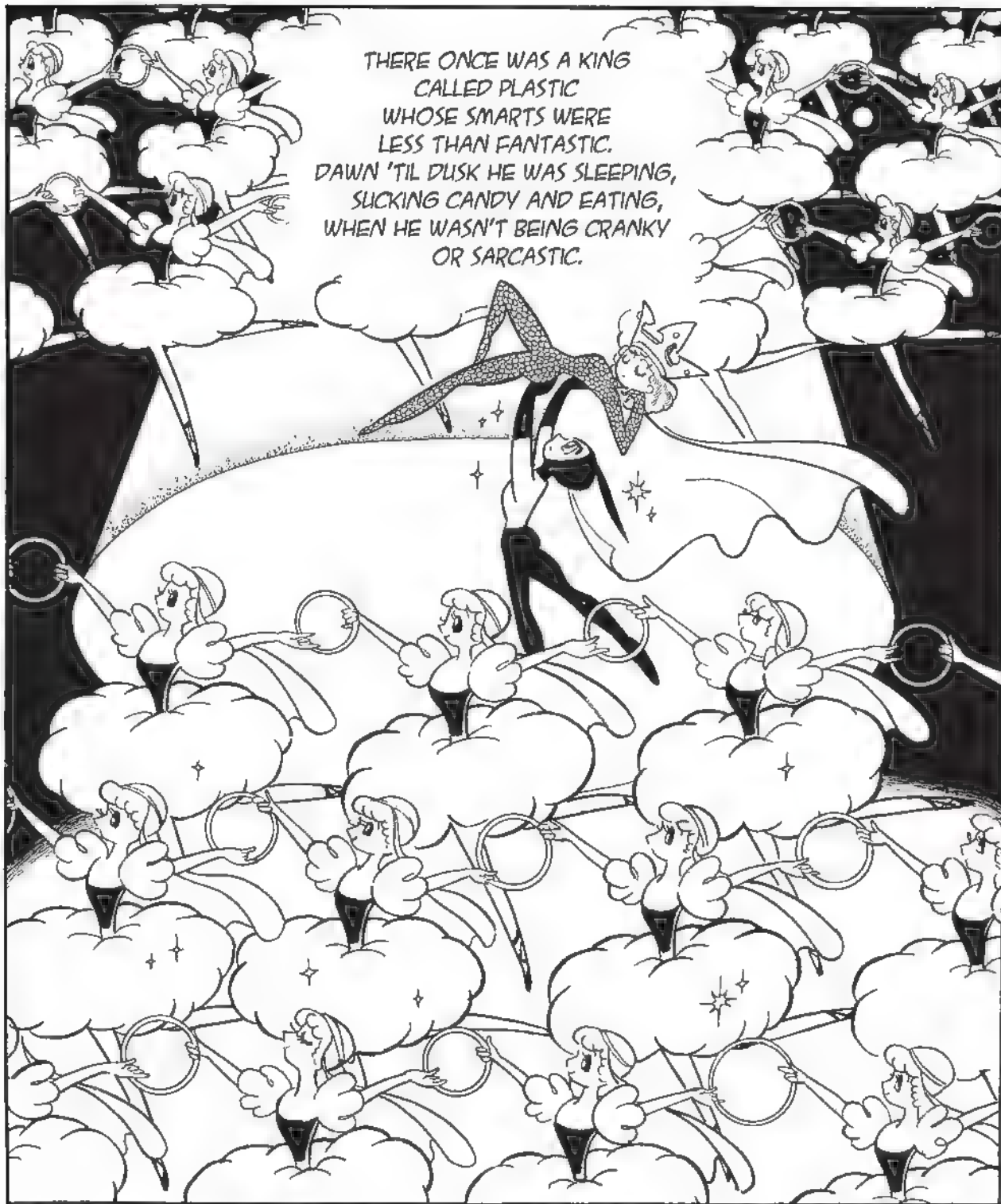


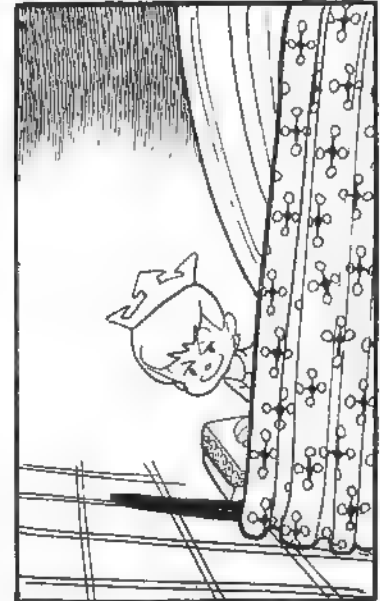
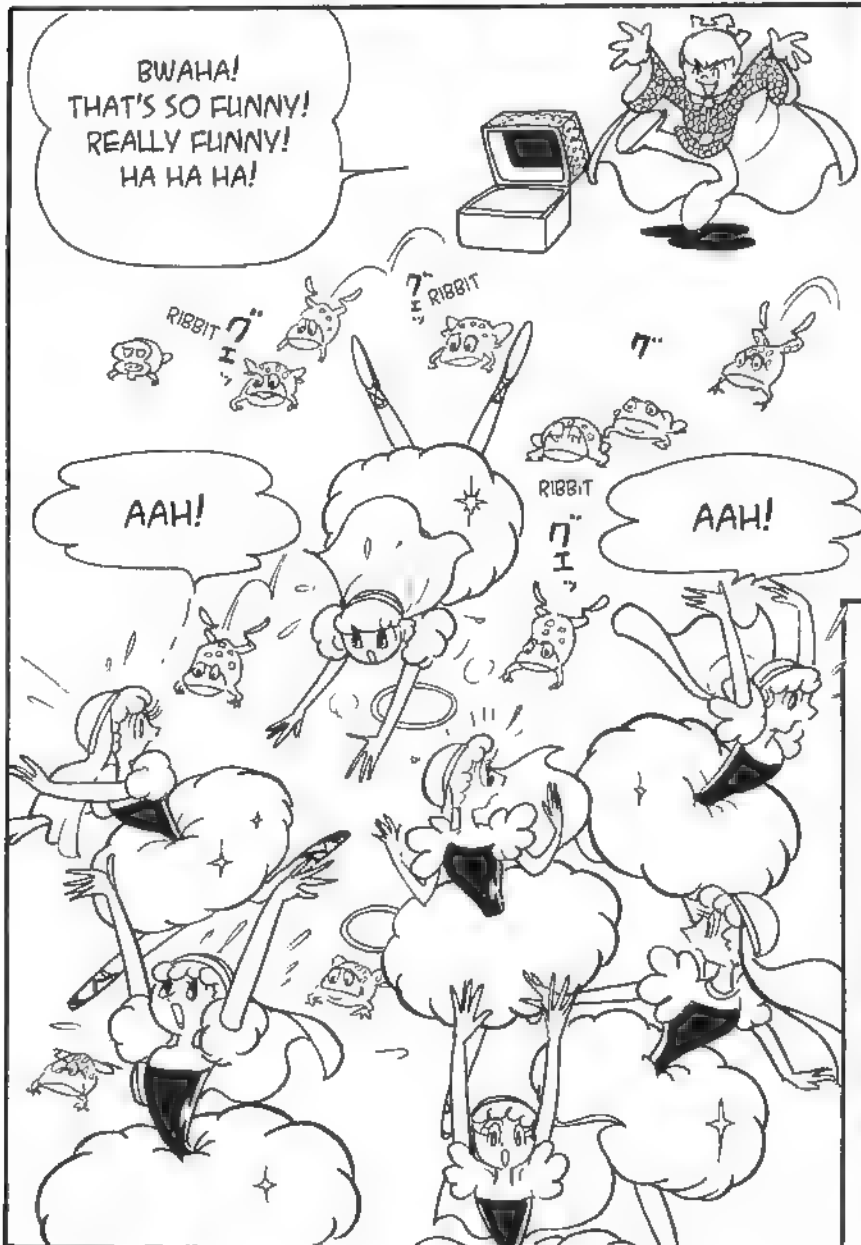


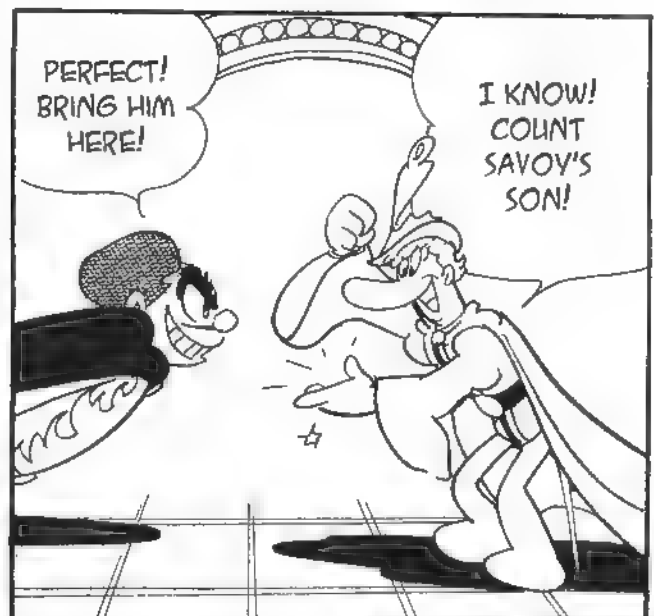
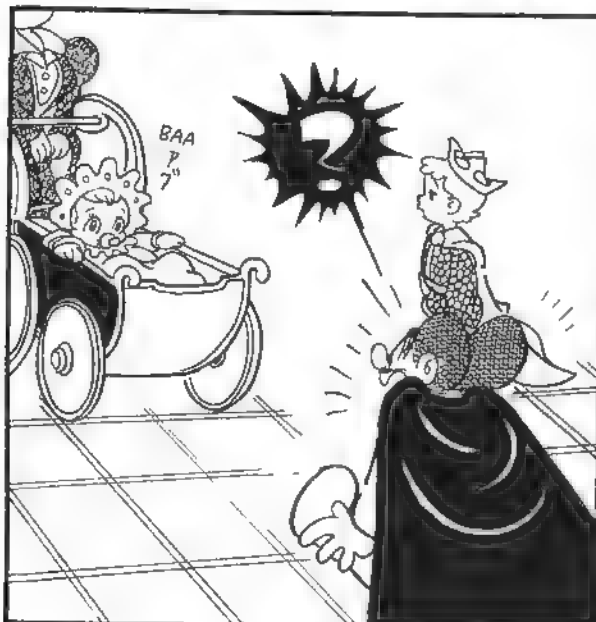
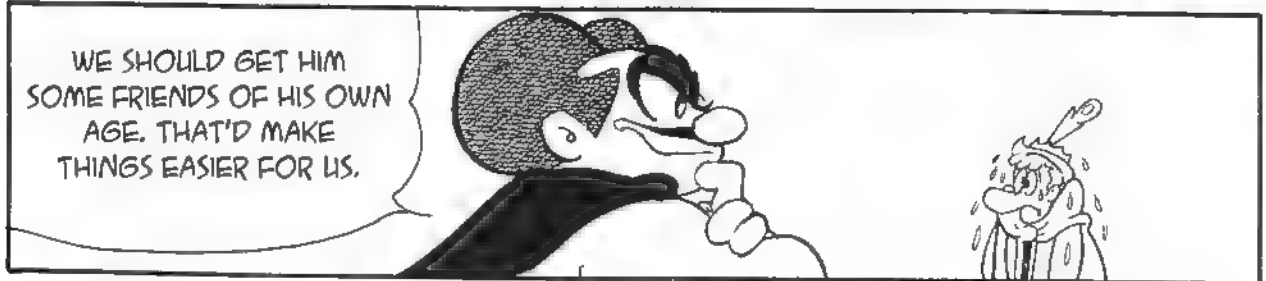
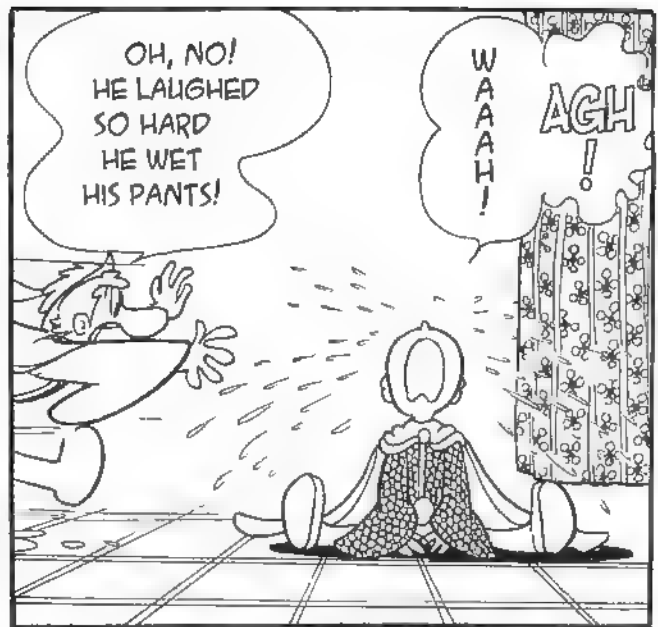
Chapter 9

The Idiot King's Bride

THERE ONCE WAS A KING
CALLED PLASTIC
WHOSE SMARTS WERE
LESS THAN FANTASTIC.
DAWN 'TIL DUSK HE WAS SLEEPING,
SUCKING CANDY AND EATING,
WHEN HE WASN'T BEING CRANKY
OR SARCASTIC.





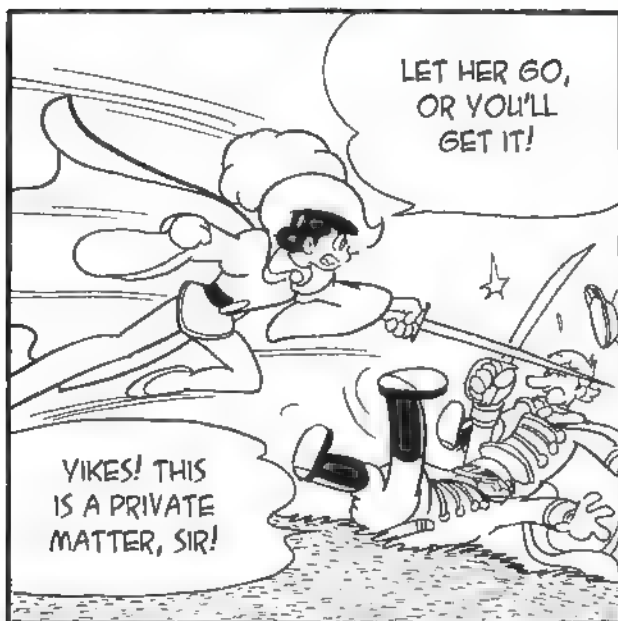


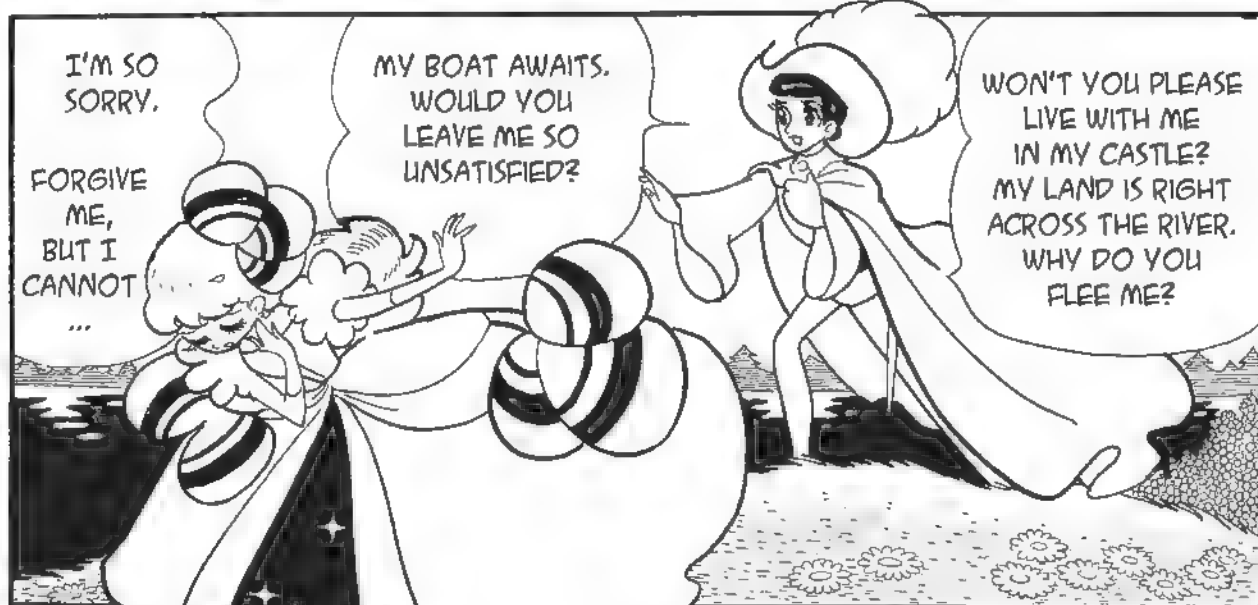


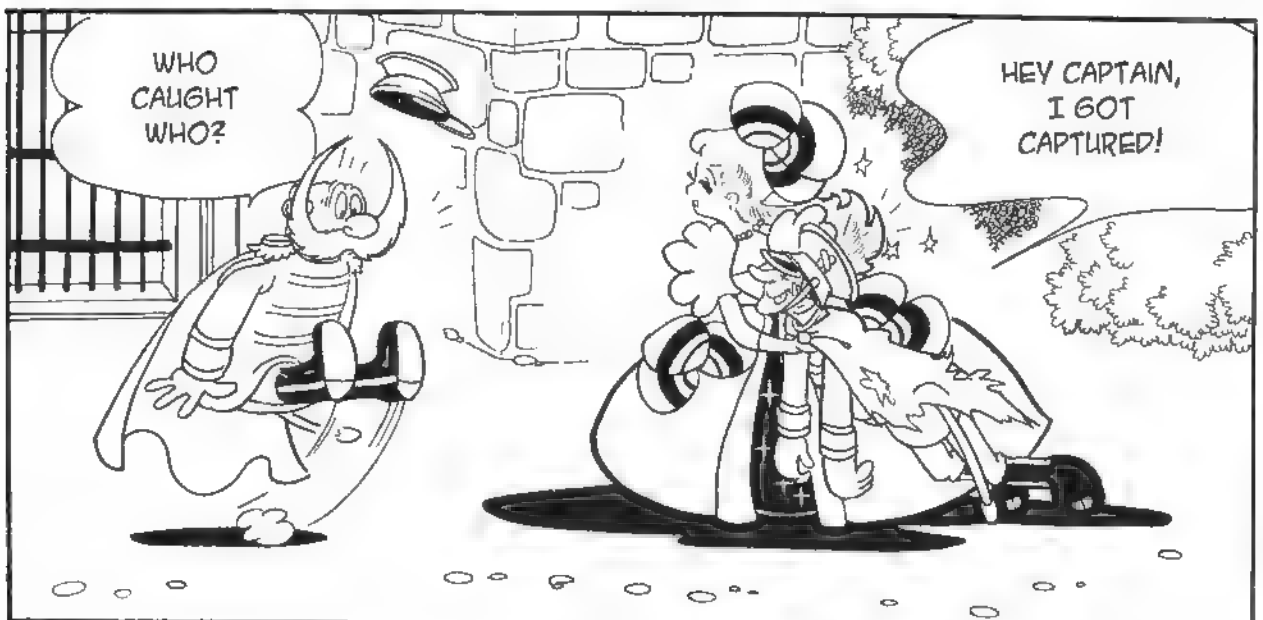
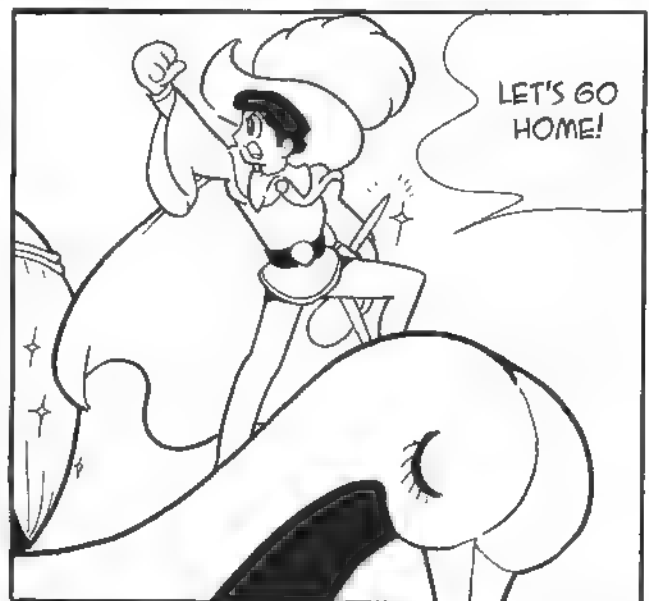
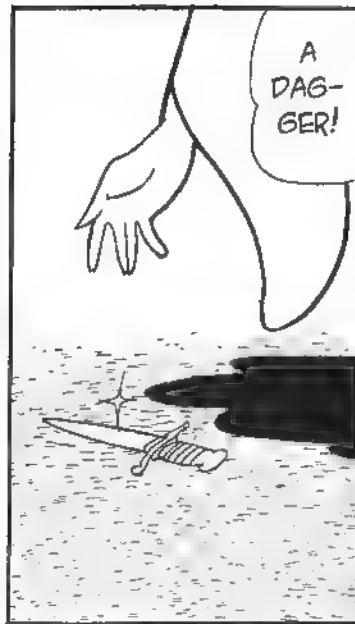
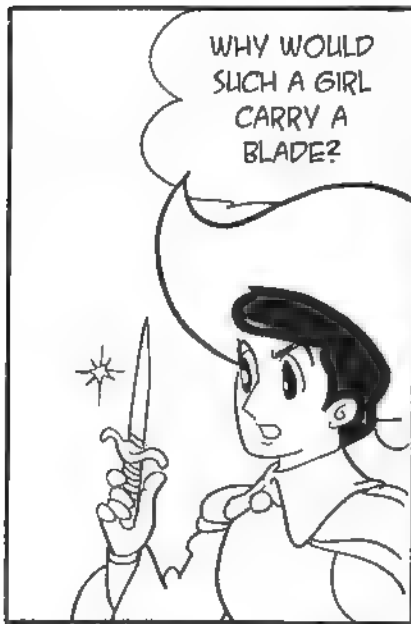


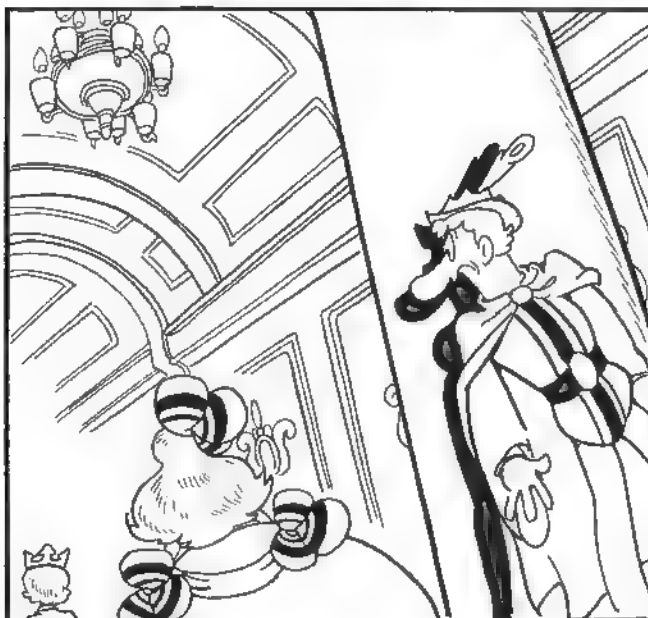
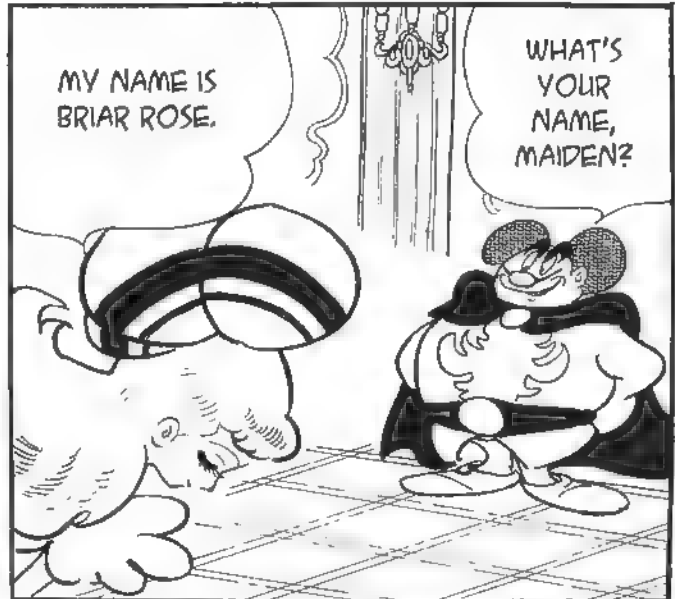
ONCE INSIDE THE CASTLE
I'LL SNEAK UP AND
STEAL PLASTIC'S CROWN,
THE SYMBOL OF HIS KINGSHIP.
THEN HE'LL BE FORCED
FROM THE THRONE.
I HOPE IT WORKS.

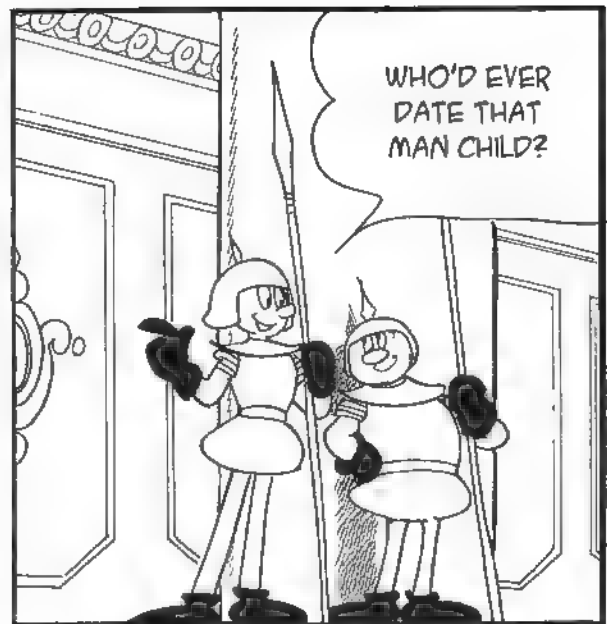








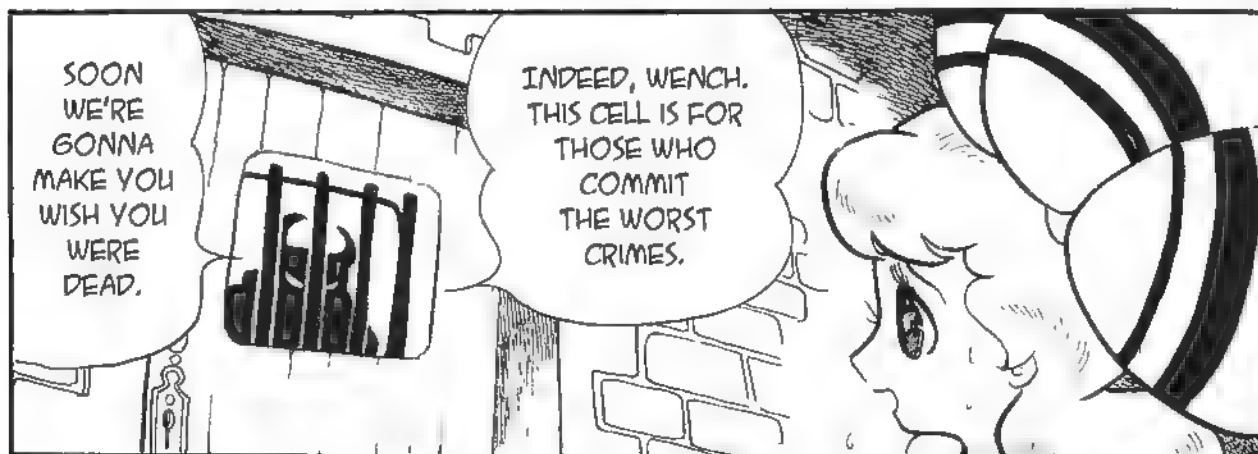
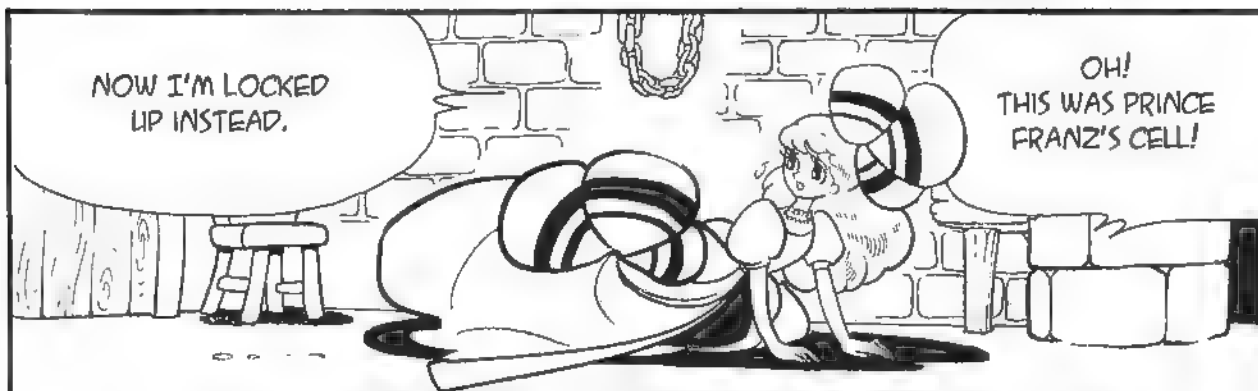


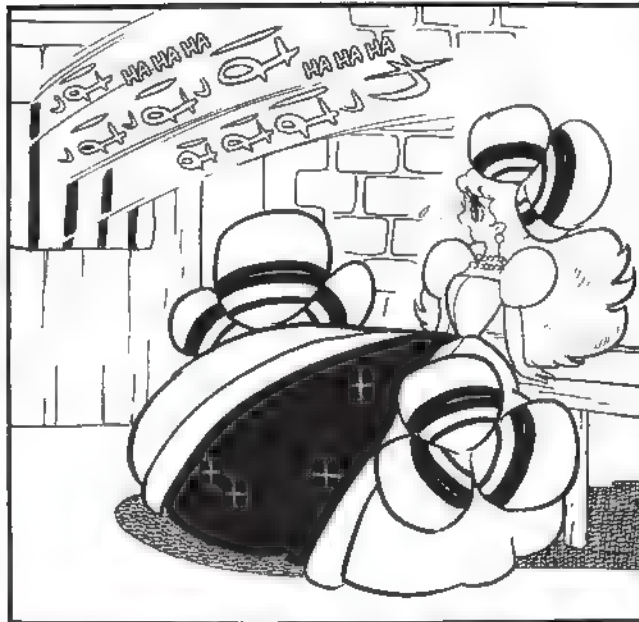


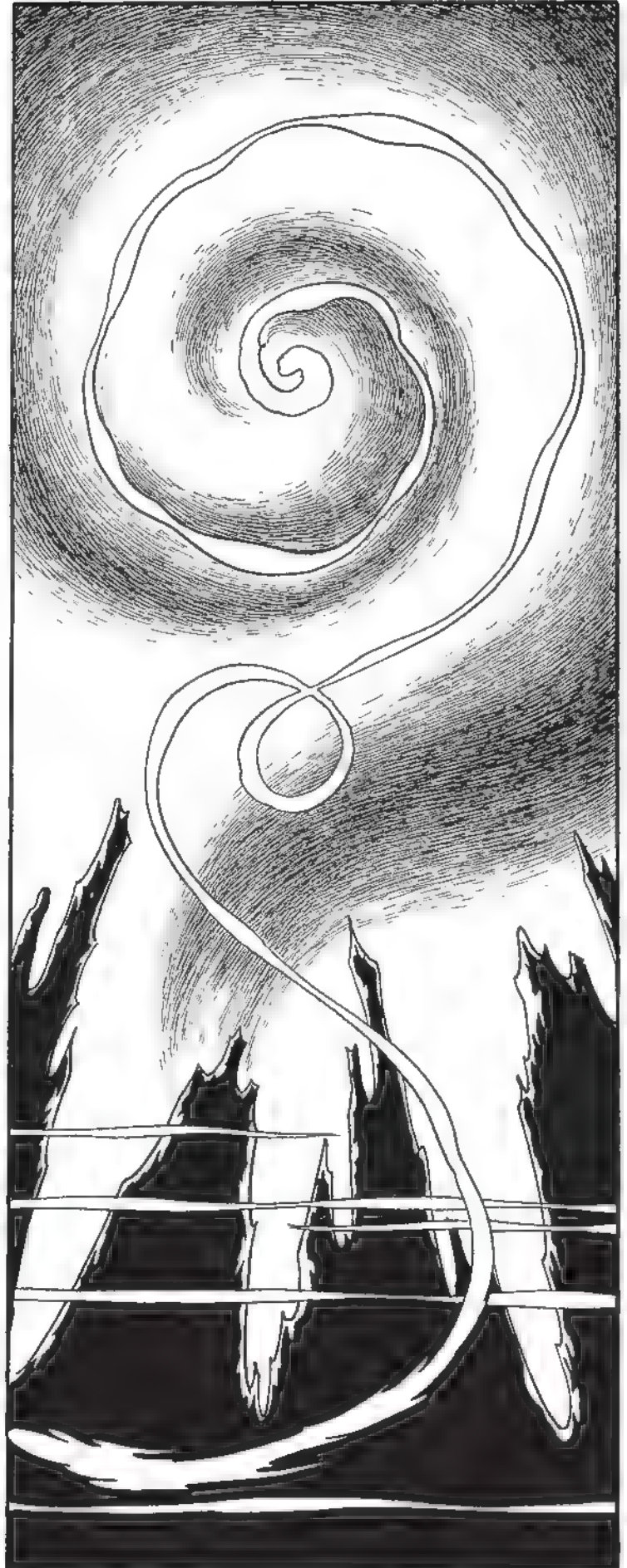
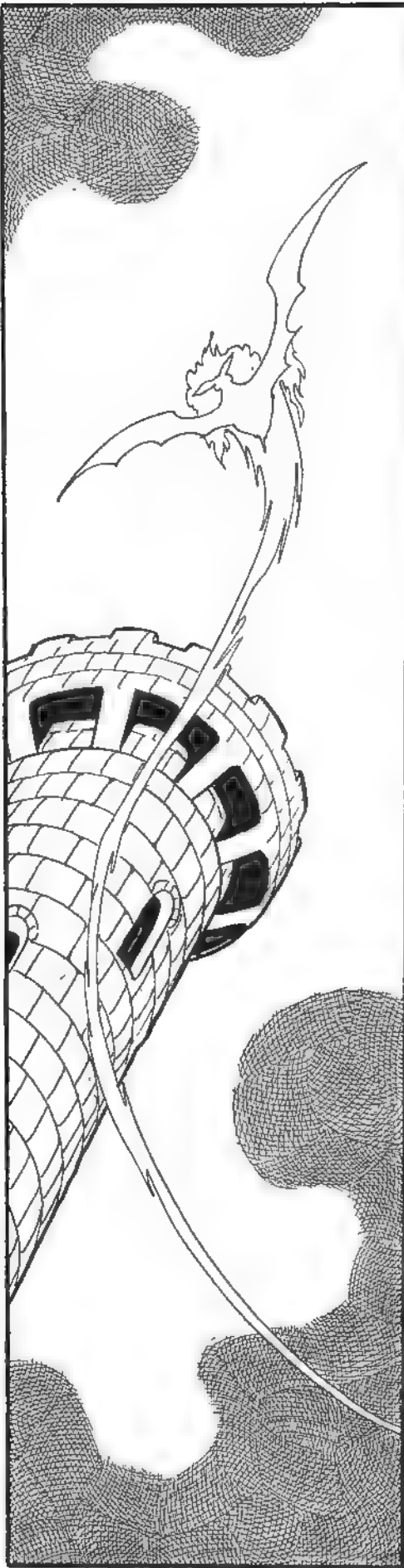


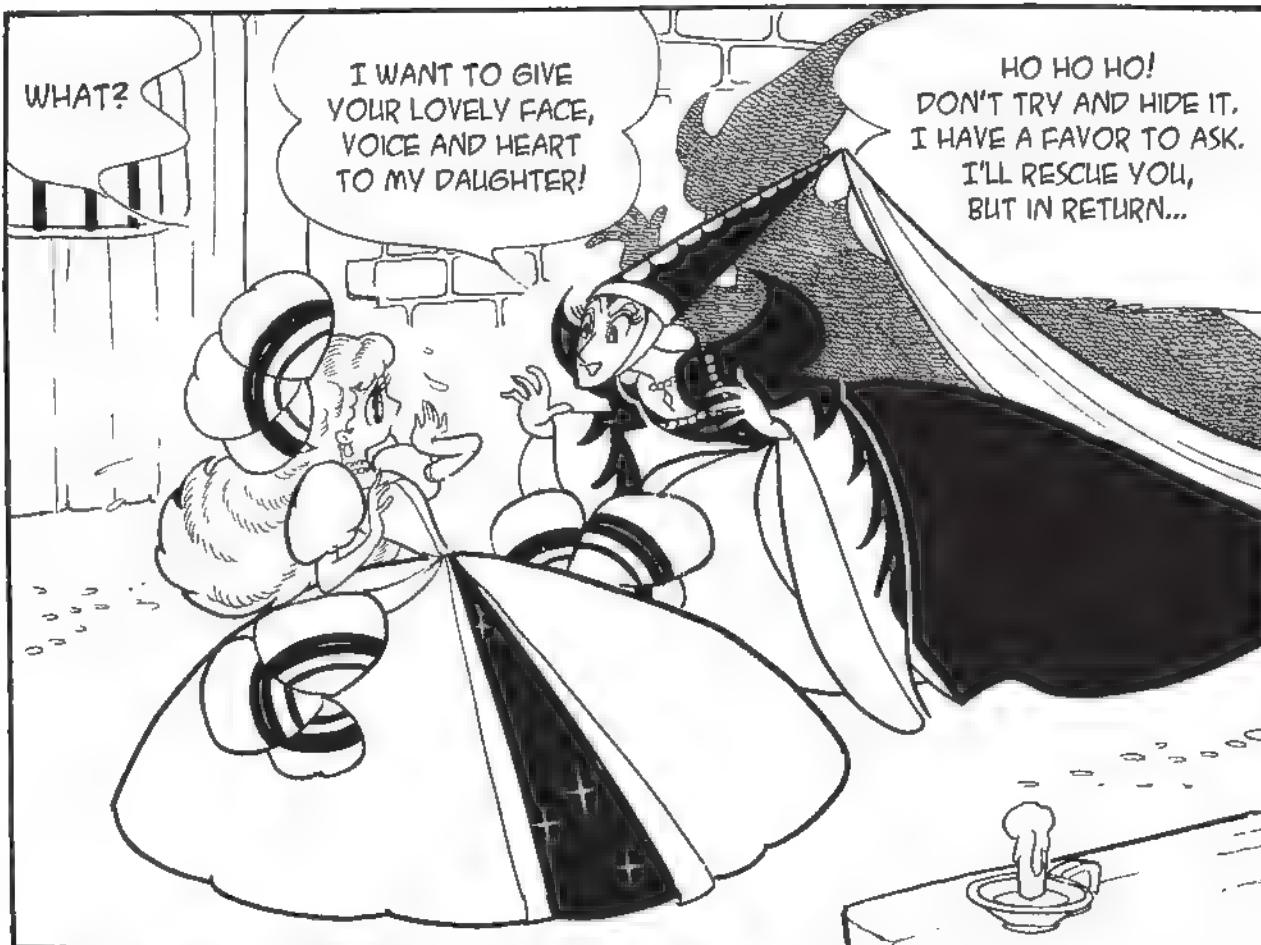
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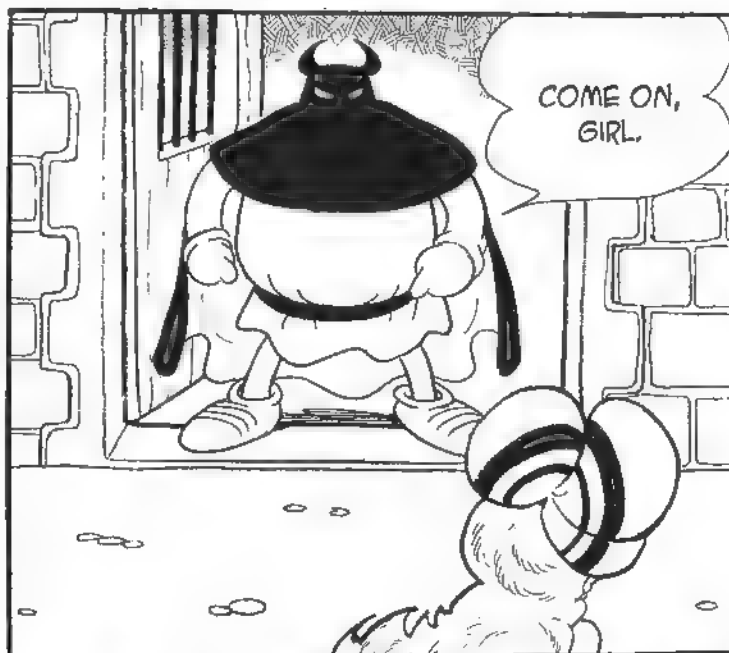
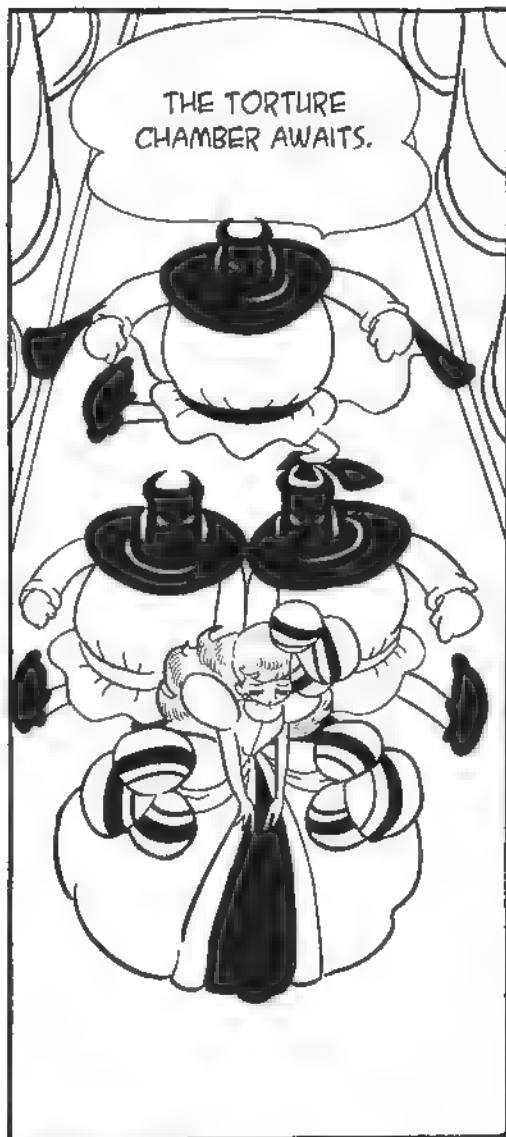
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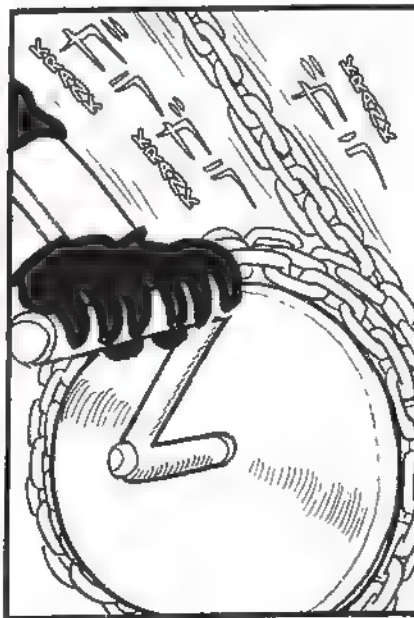
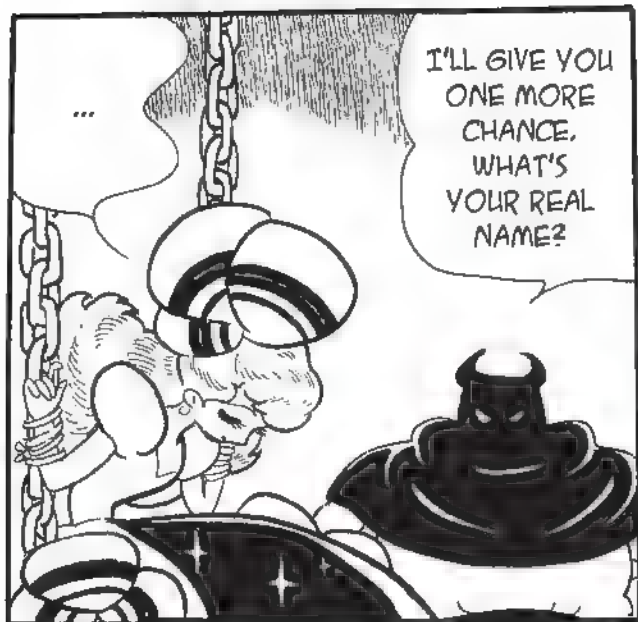


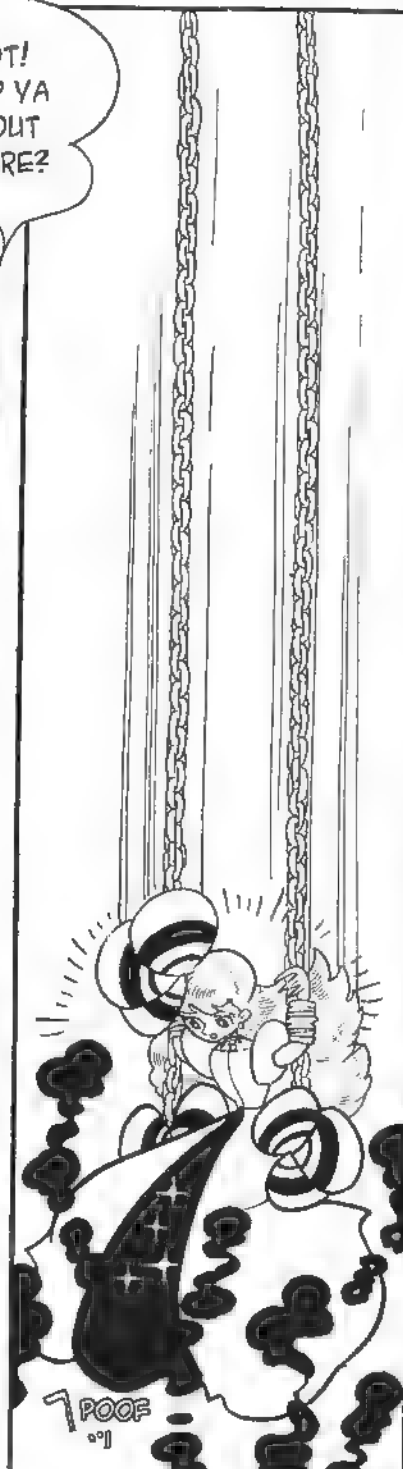
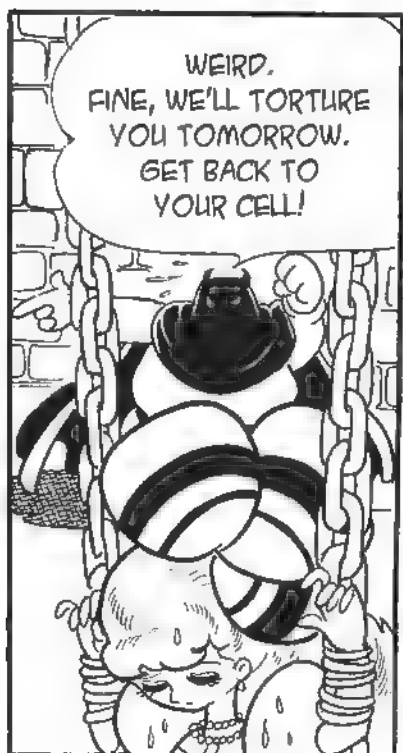
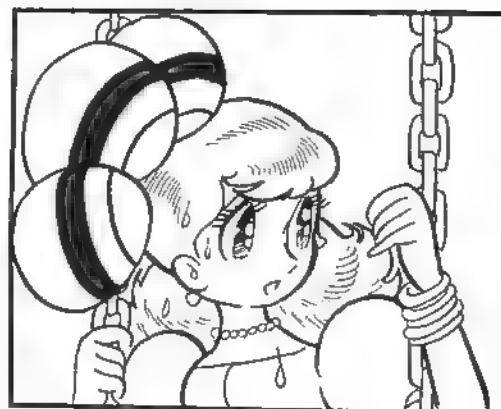


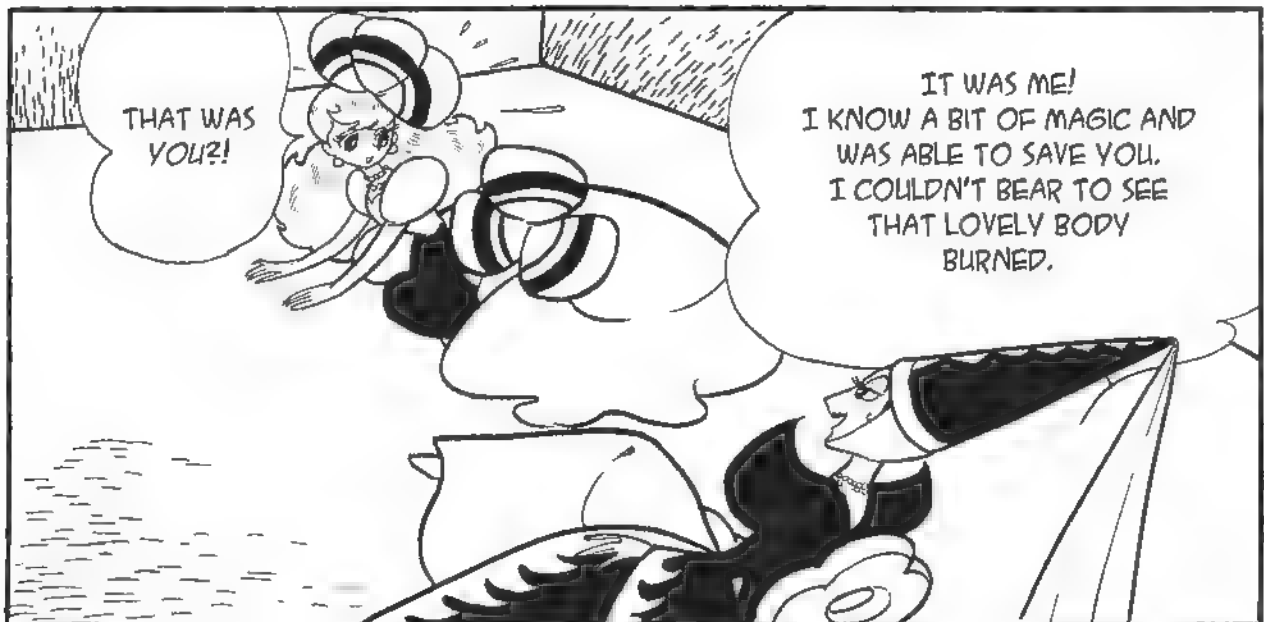
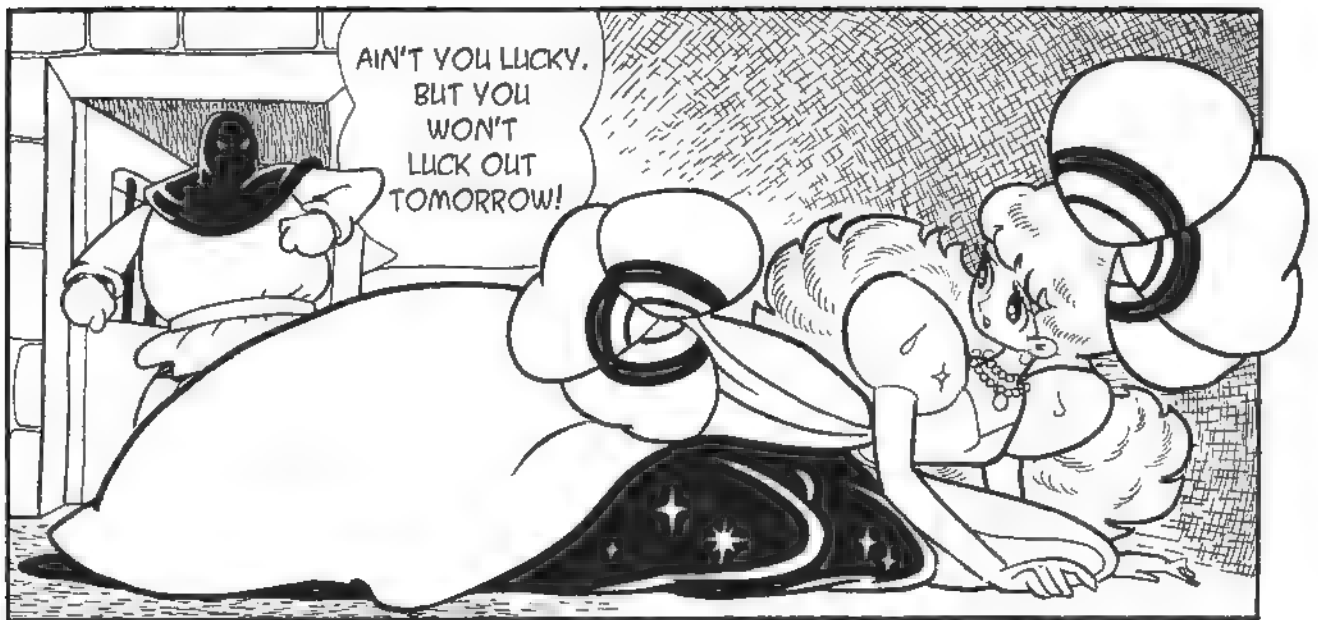














BUT IF YOU REFUSE
MY OFFER,
I CAN'T BE
BOTHERED TO
HELP YOU.



HO HO!
I'VE NO USE FOR
THAT PRETTY FACE
OF YOURS
IF IT'S RUINED!



WHY DID YOU
SAVE ME?
YOU'RE A DEMON!



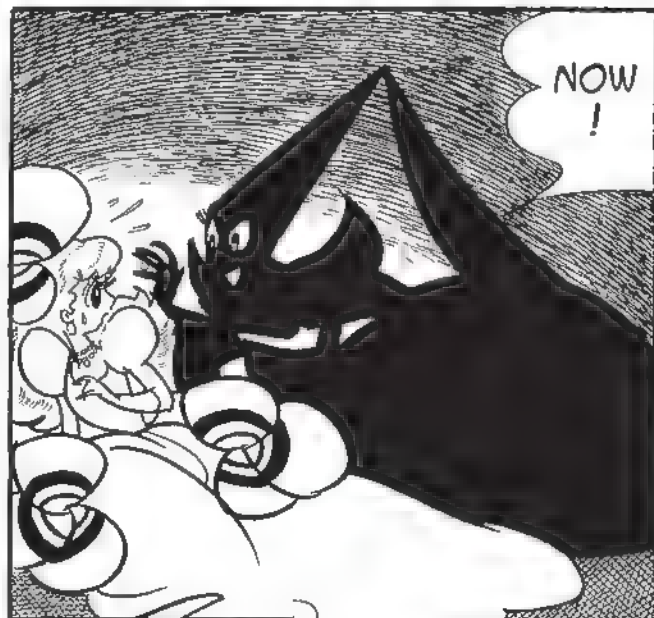
LISTEN TO ME.
GIVE ME YOUR
GIRL HEART.



I'LL LET THEM DISFIGURE YOU
IN THE TORTURE CHAMBER!
HOW'S THAT SOUND?
PRETTY SCARY, RIGHT?

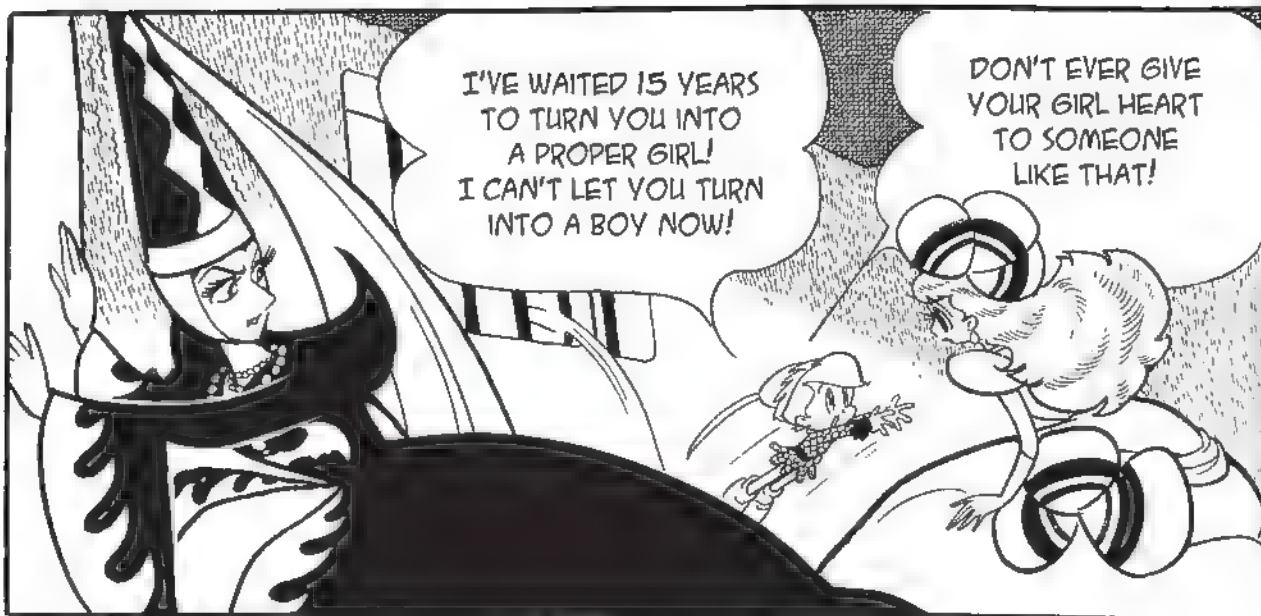


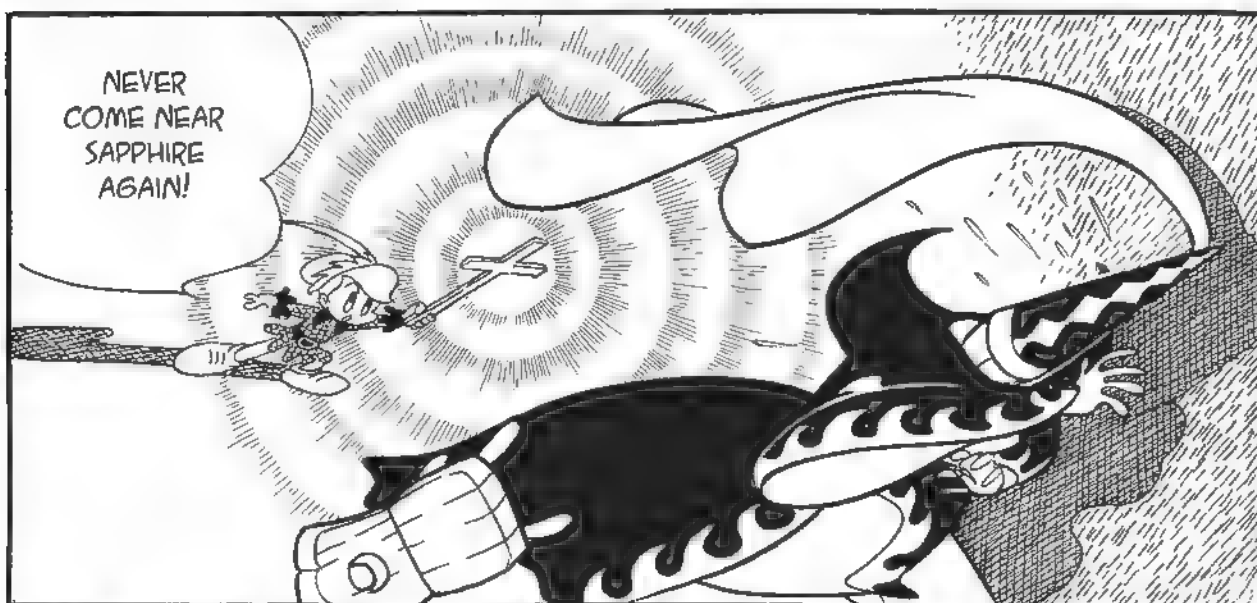
DON'T
LISTEN
TO HER,
SAPPHIRE!

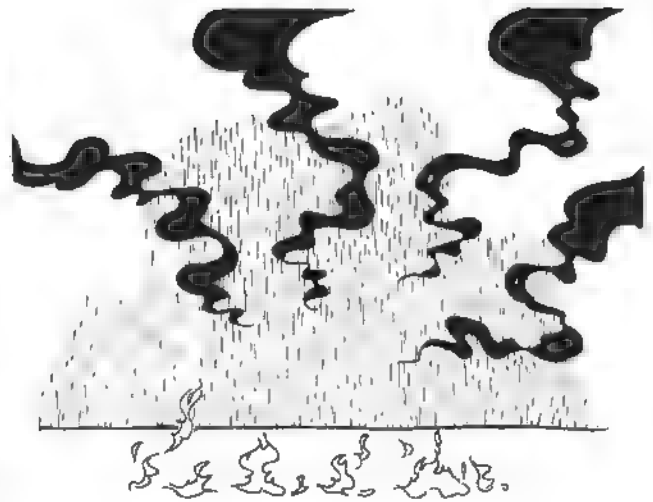
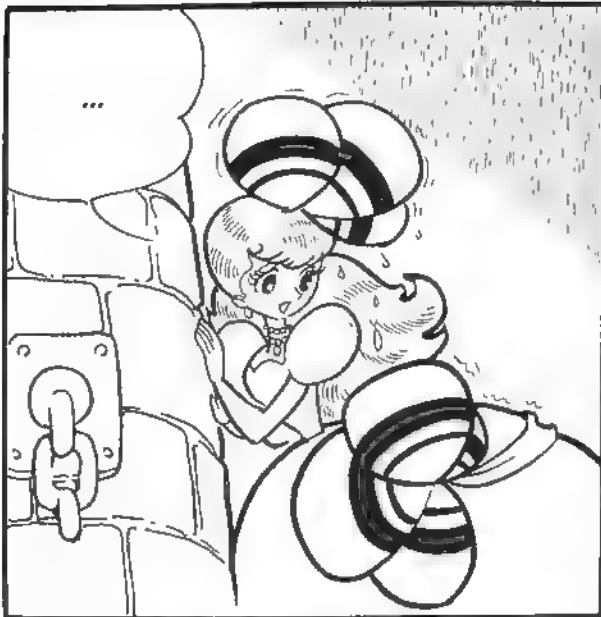


NOW
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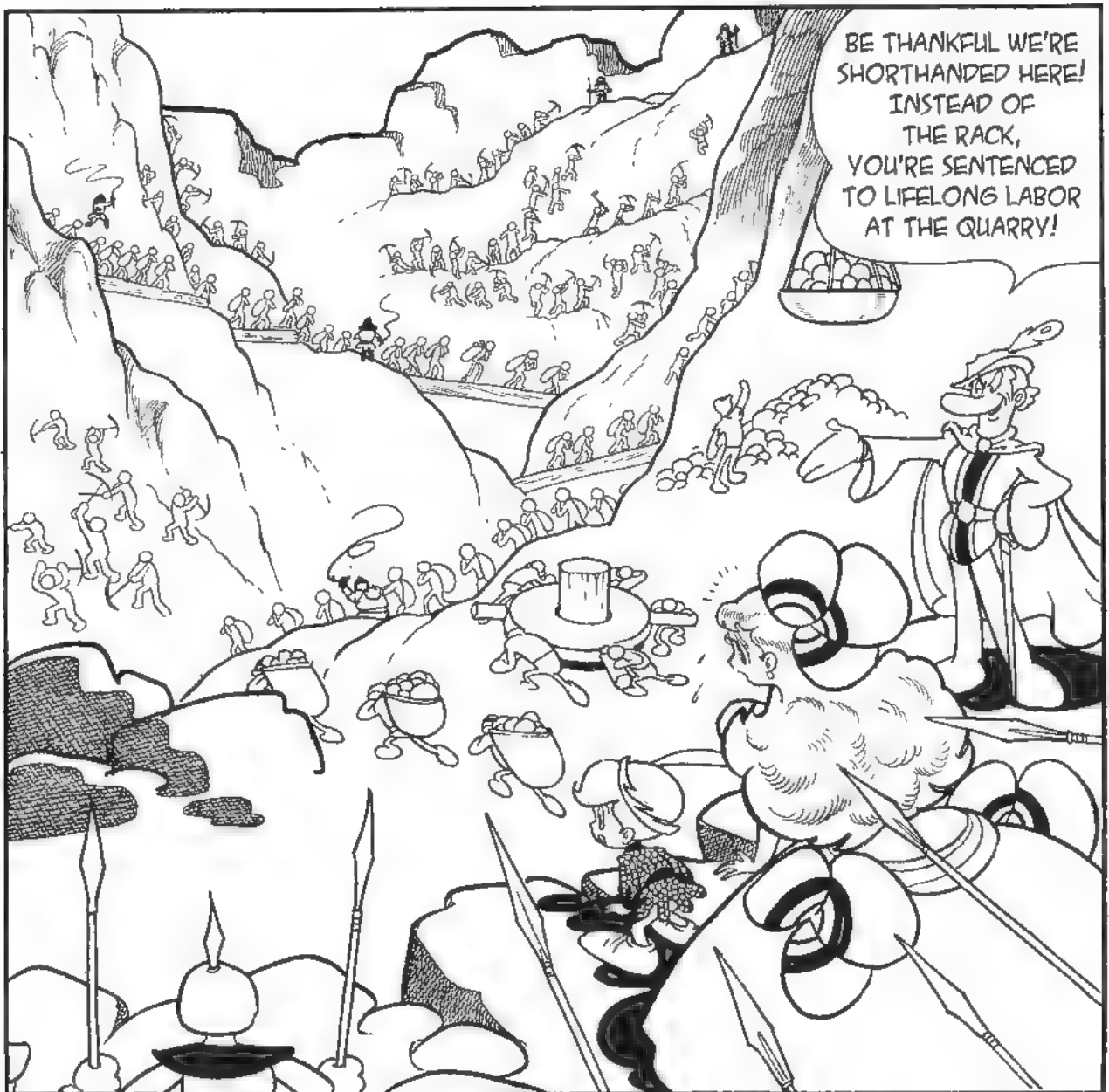


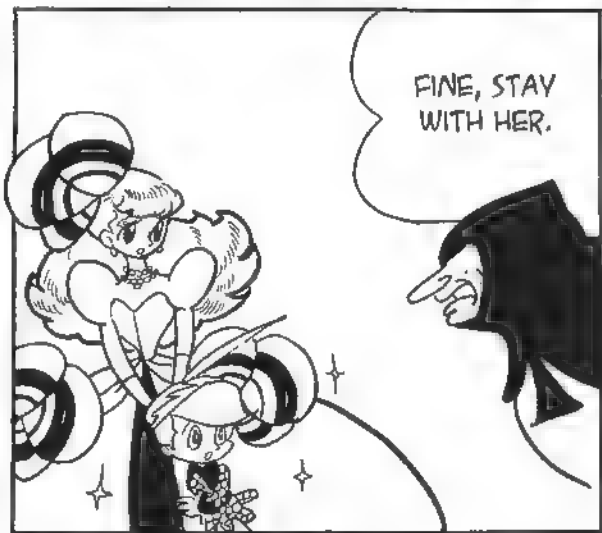
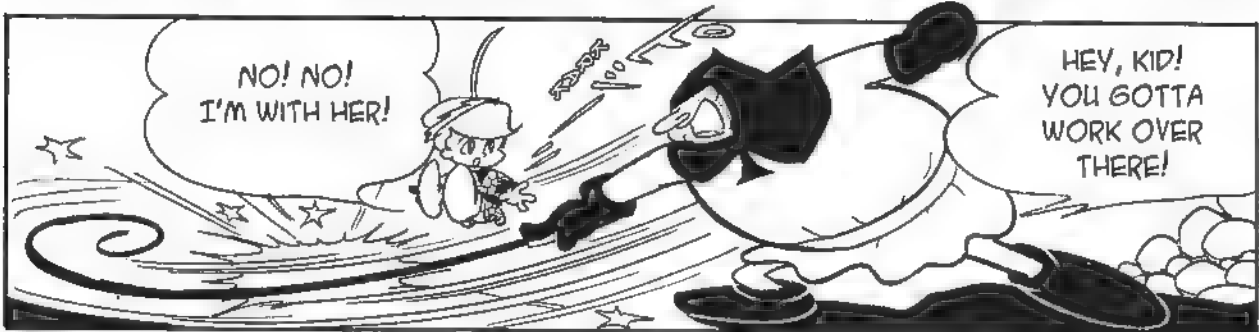
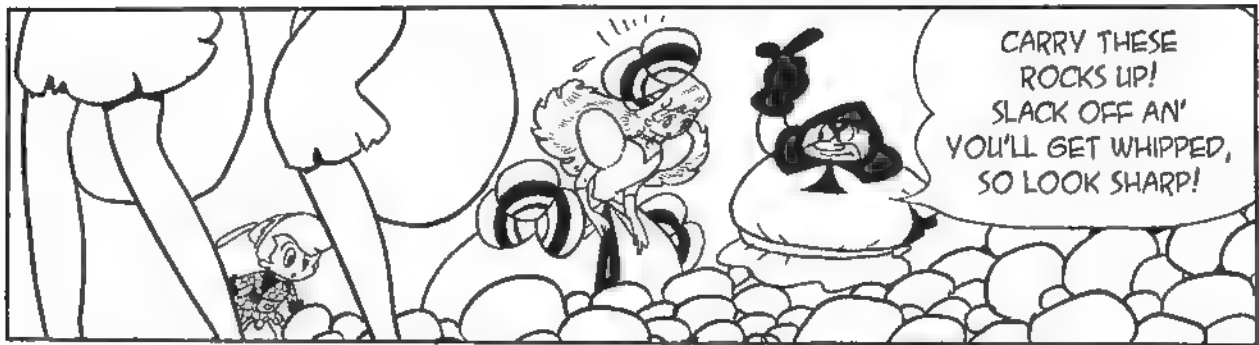


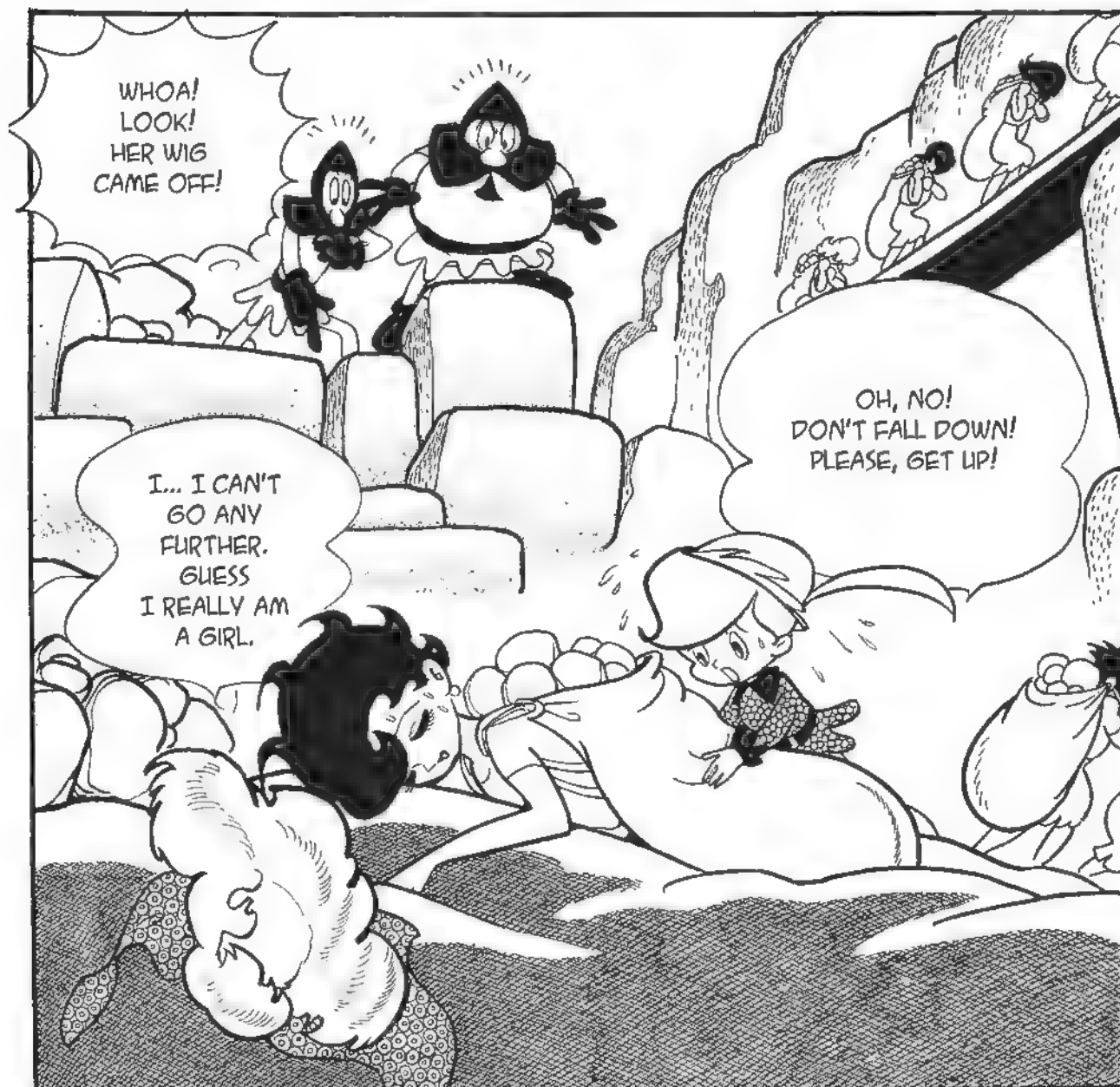
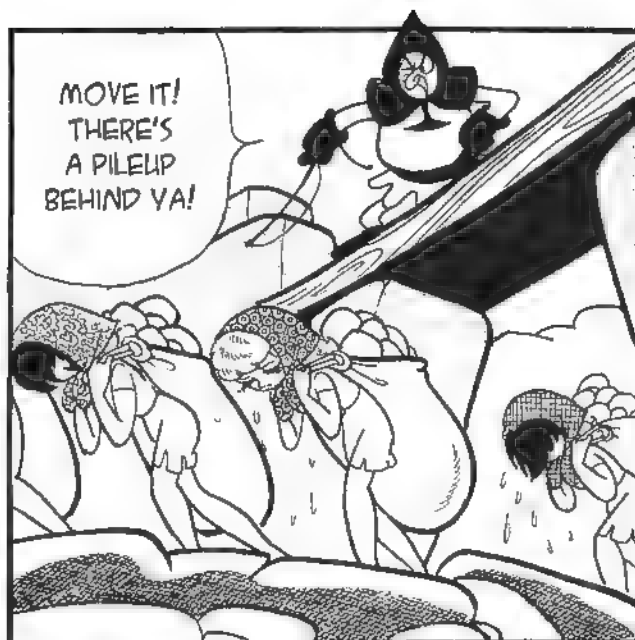


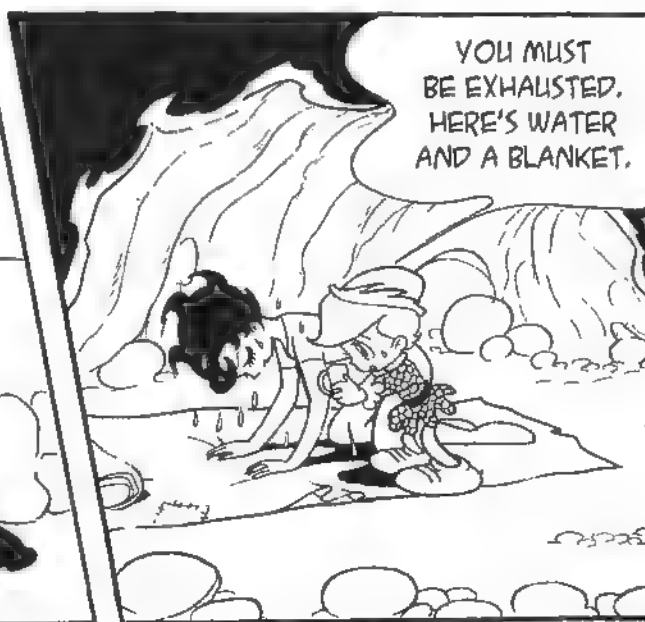
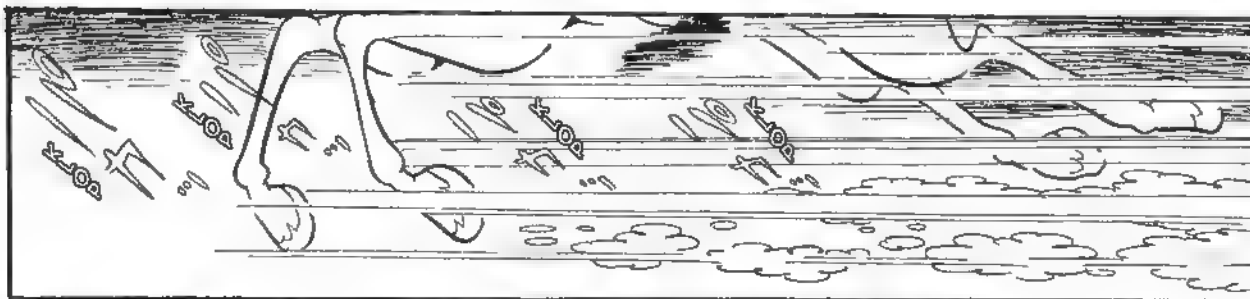
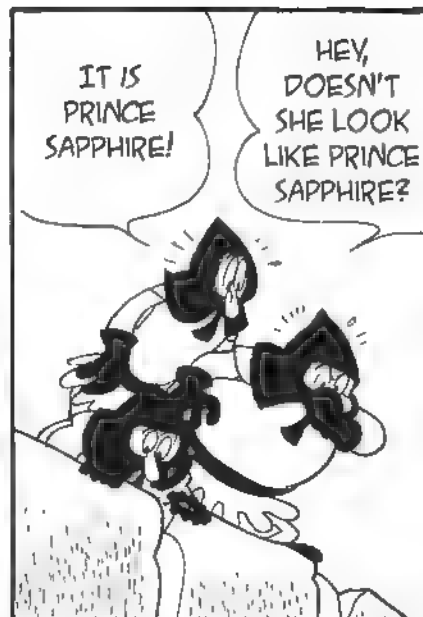
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Two By the Quarry



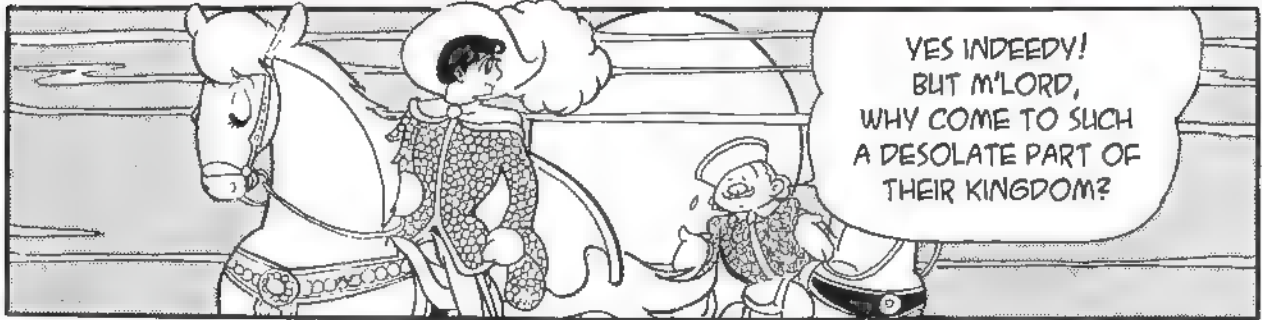








THIS IS THE ROCK
QUARRY, RIGHT?

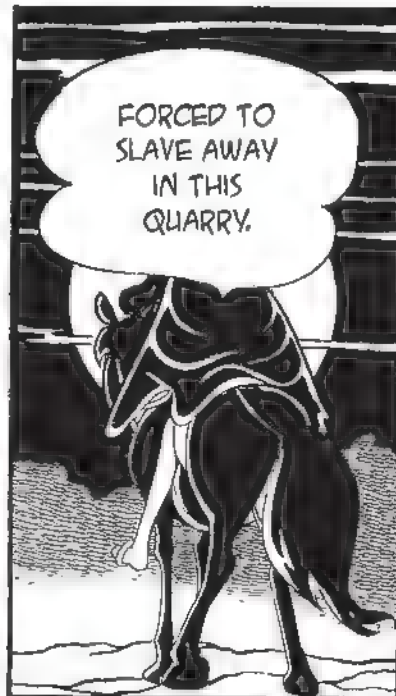


YES INDEEDY!
BUT M'LORD,
WHY COME TO SUCH
A DESOLATE PART OF
THEIR KINGDOM?



QUIET
!

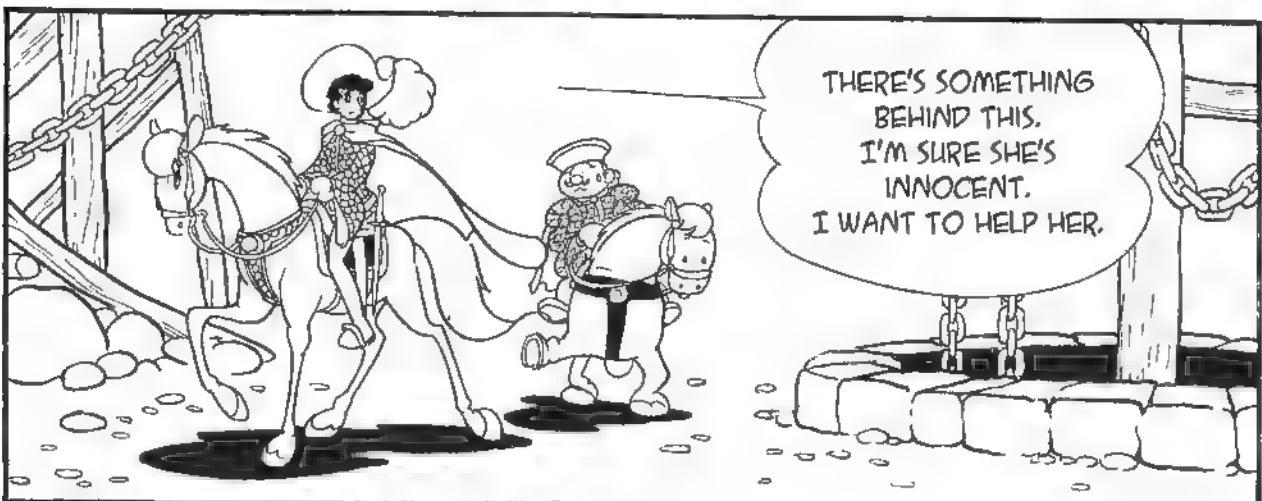
YOUR
HIGHNESS,
SHE'S A
COMMONER
AND A
FOREIGNER!
WHY DO YOU
BOTHR
TRYING?



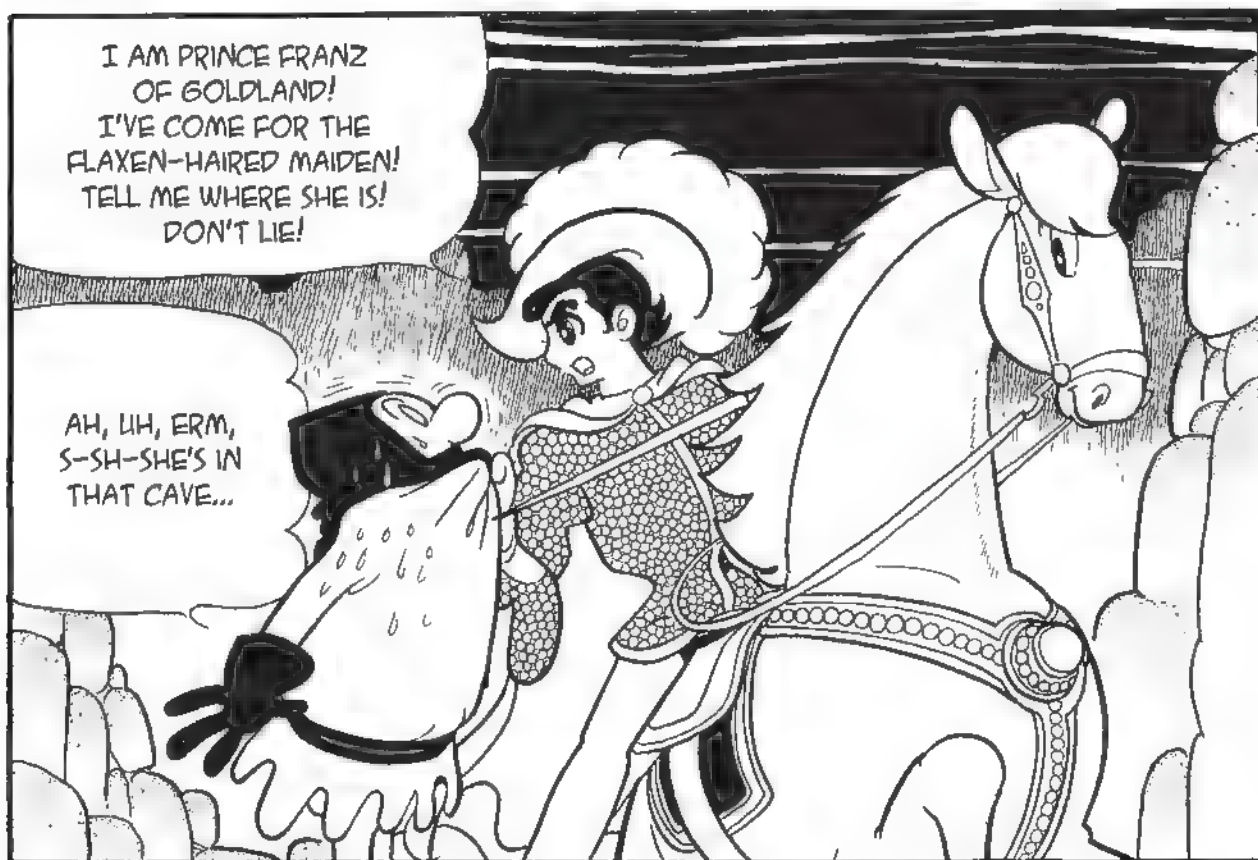
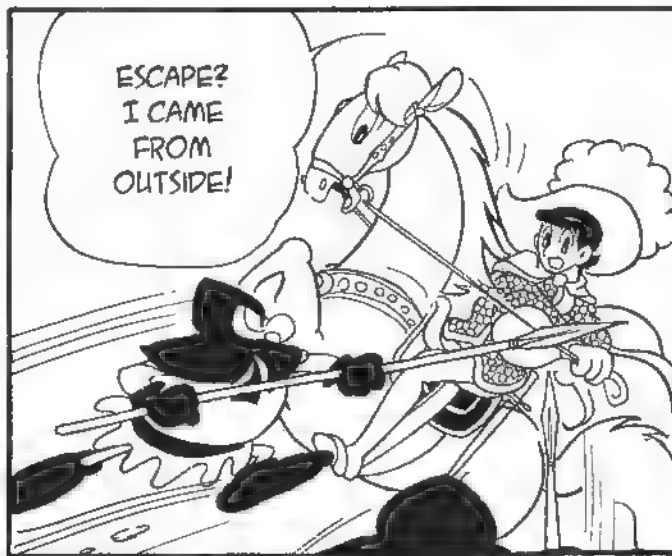
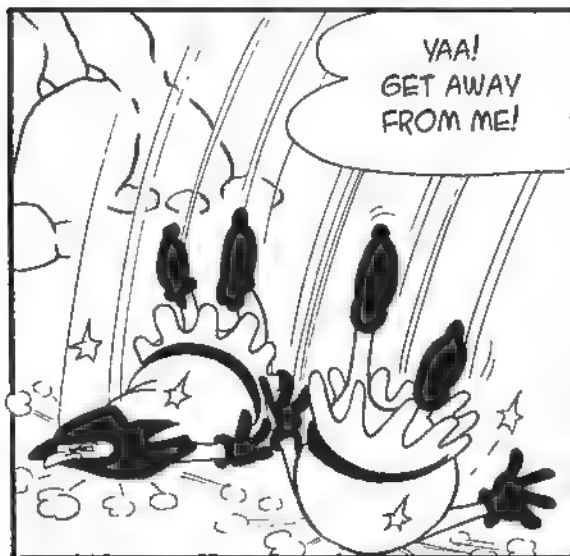
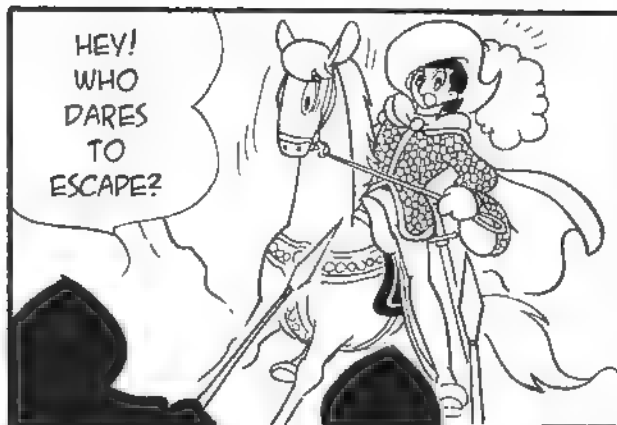
FORCED TO
SLAVE AWAY
IN THIS
QUARRY.

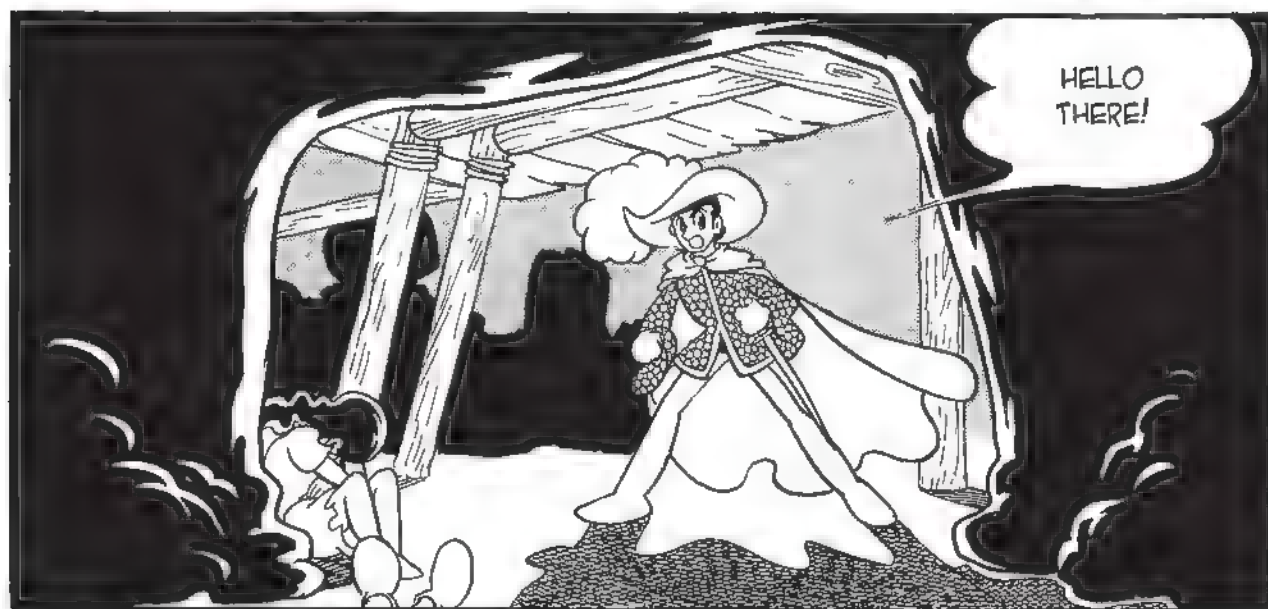
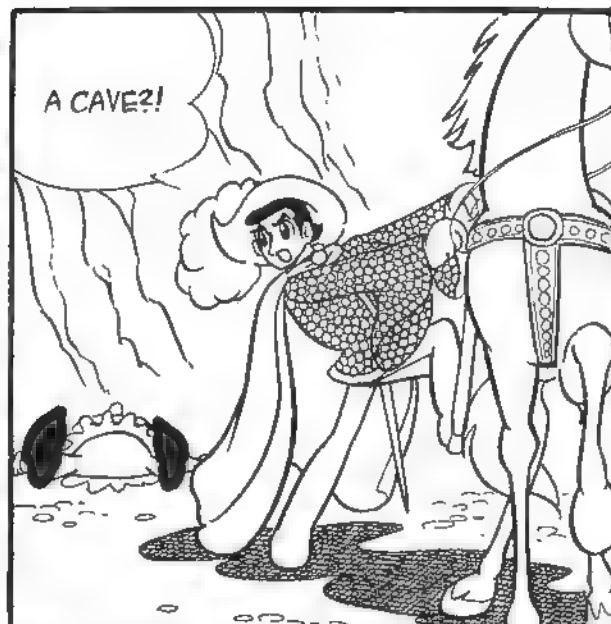


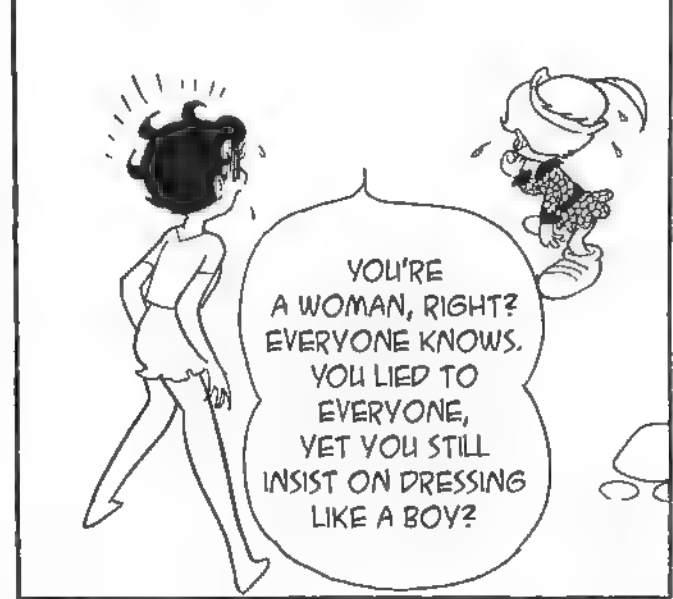
WHY?
BECAUSE I
HEARD
A RUMOR THAT
THE FLAXEN-
HAired MAIDEN
WAS HERE,

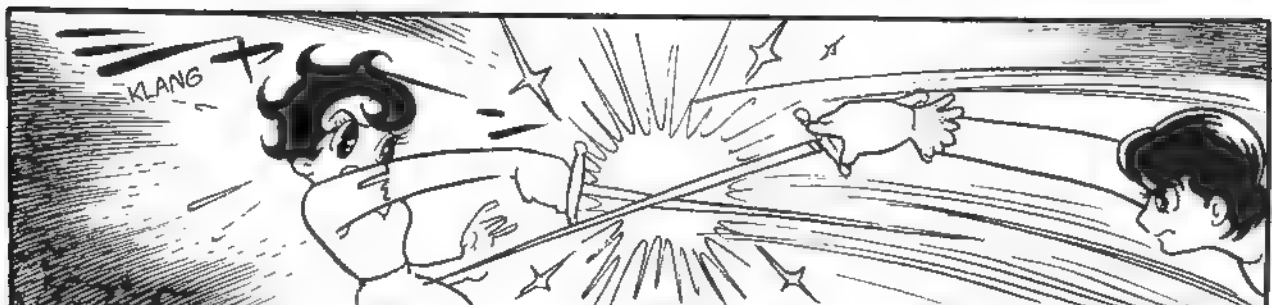
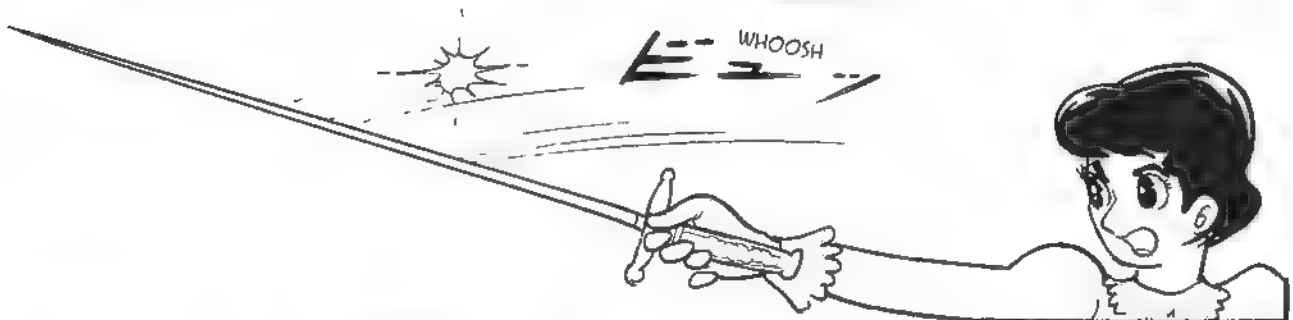
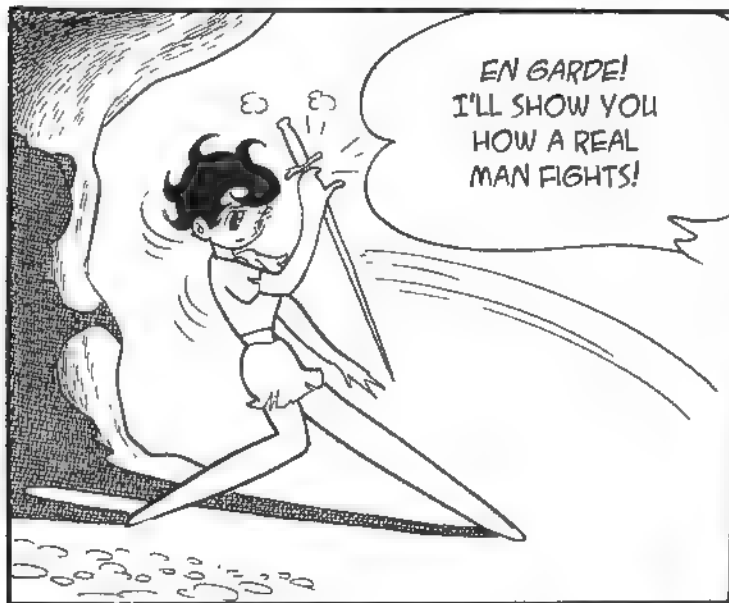
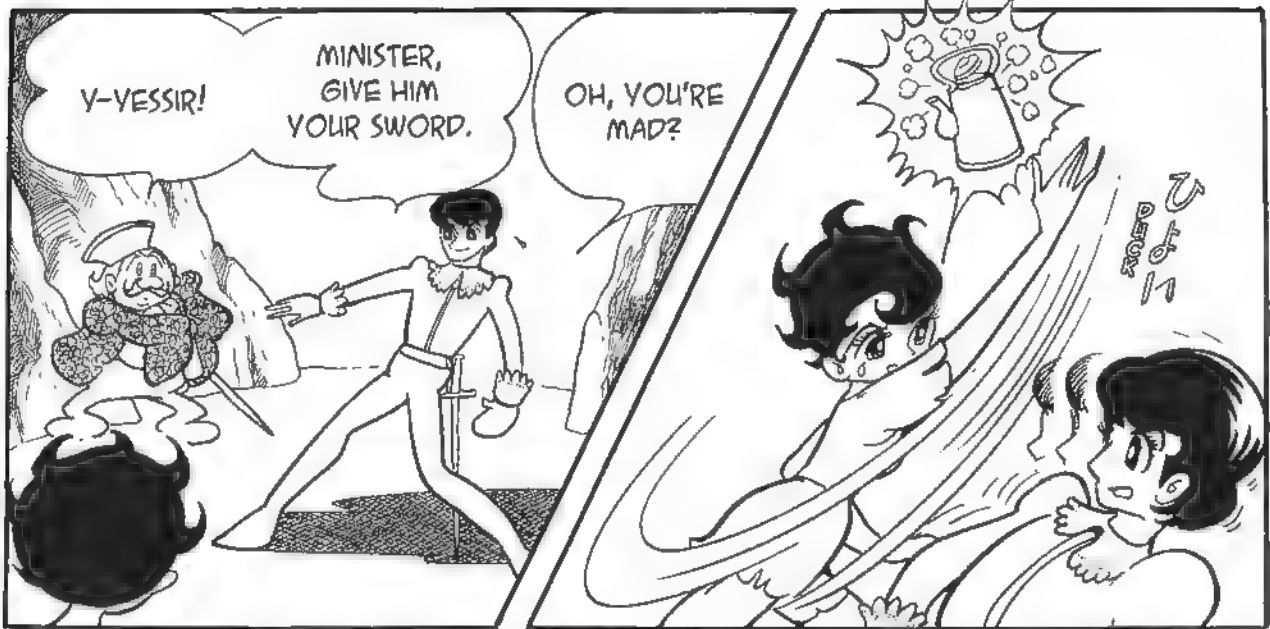


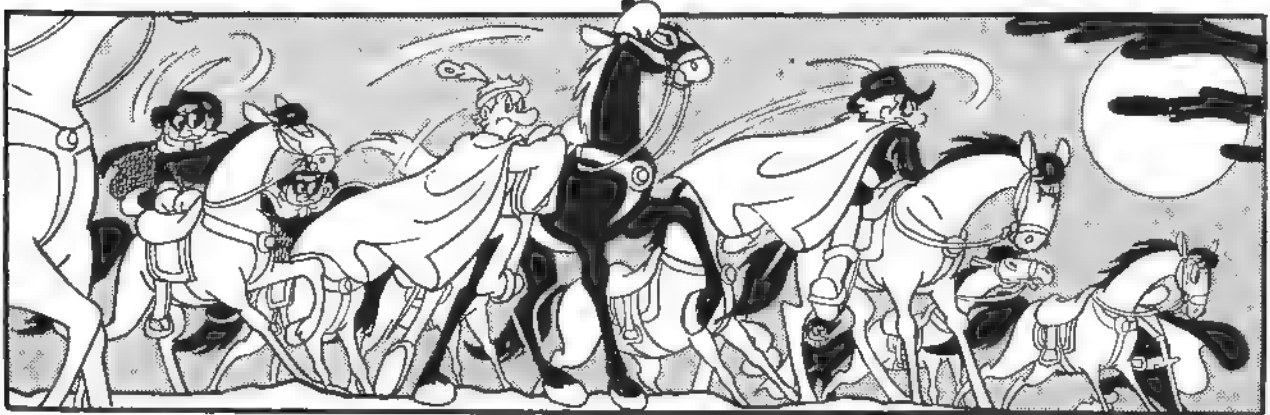
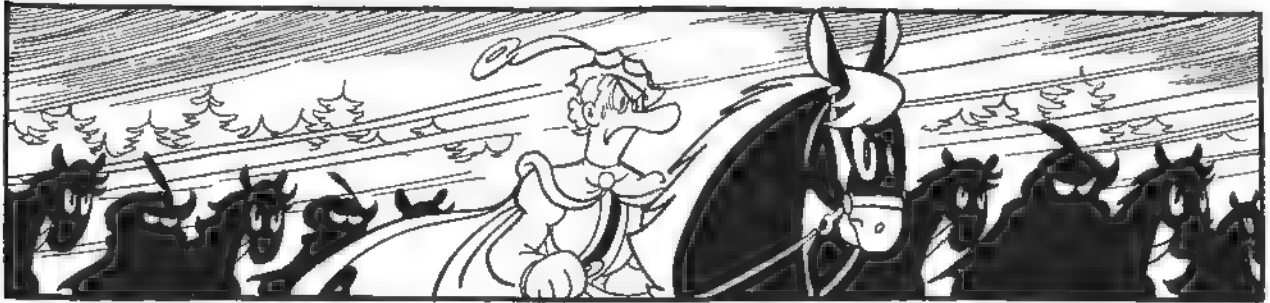
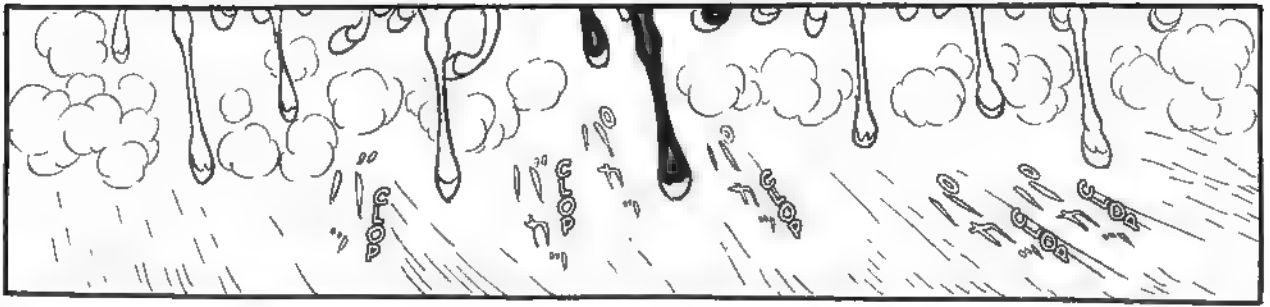
THERE'S SOMETHING
BEHIND THIS.
I'M SURE SHE'S
INNOCENT.
I WANT TO HELP HER.













THAT'S
SIR NYLON'S
SILHOUETTE.

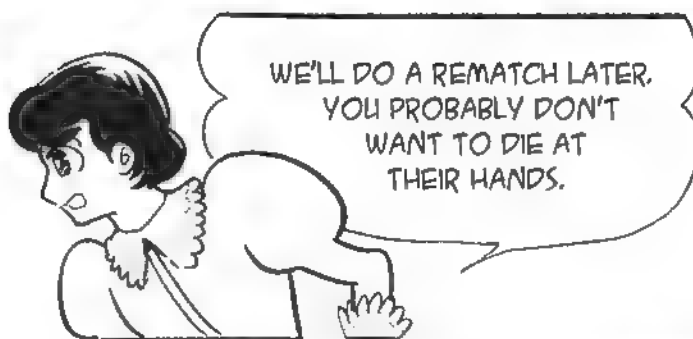


WHAT
?!

SAPPHIRE,
IT SEEMS THEY'VE
COME TO
KILL YOU.



COME
WITH ME!



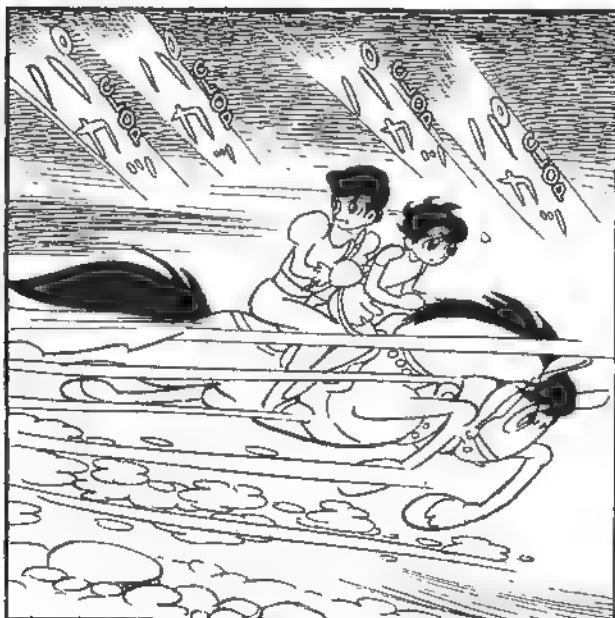
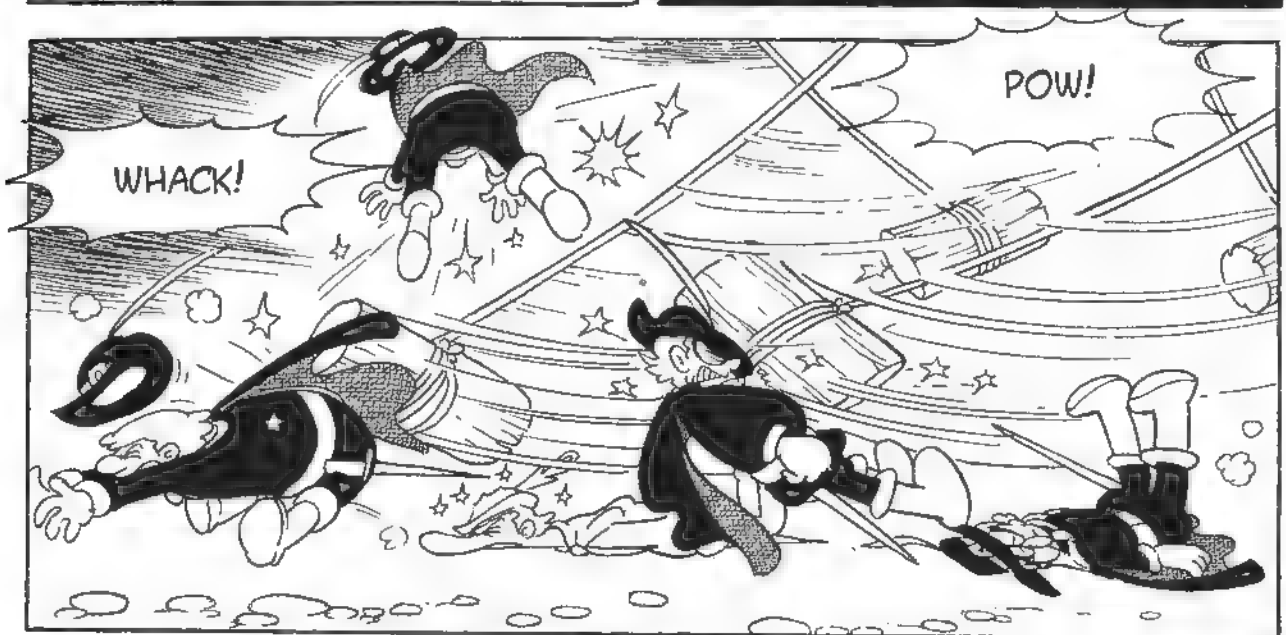
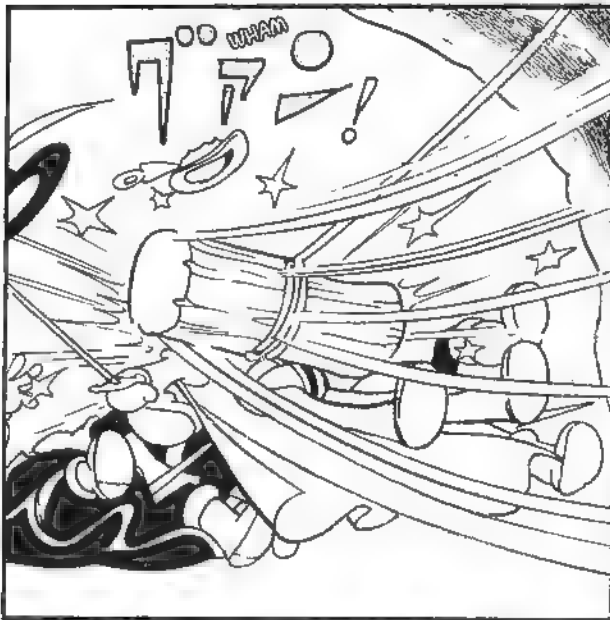
WE'LL DO A REMATCH LATER.
YOU PROBABLY DON'T
WANT TO DIE AT
THEIR HANDS.



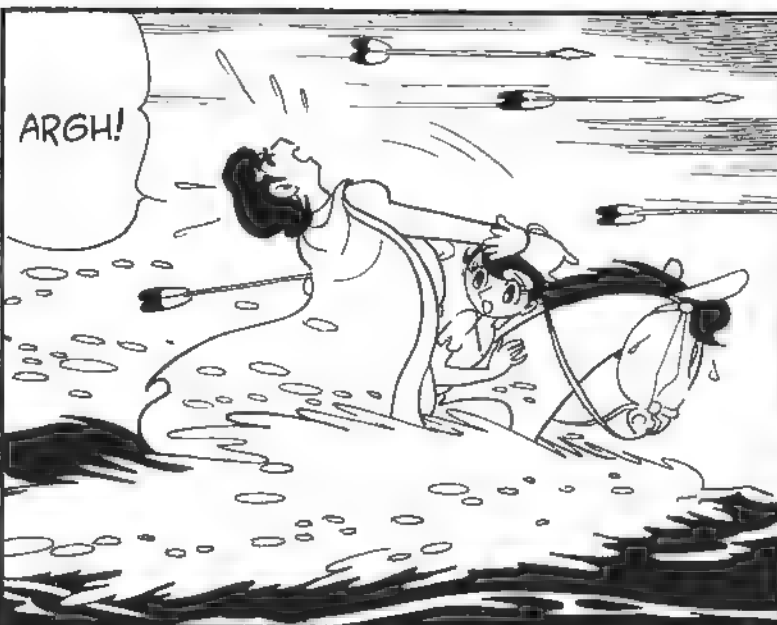
HURRY!

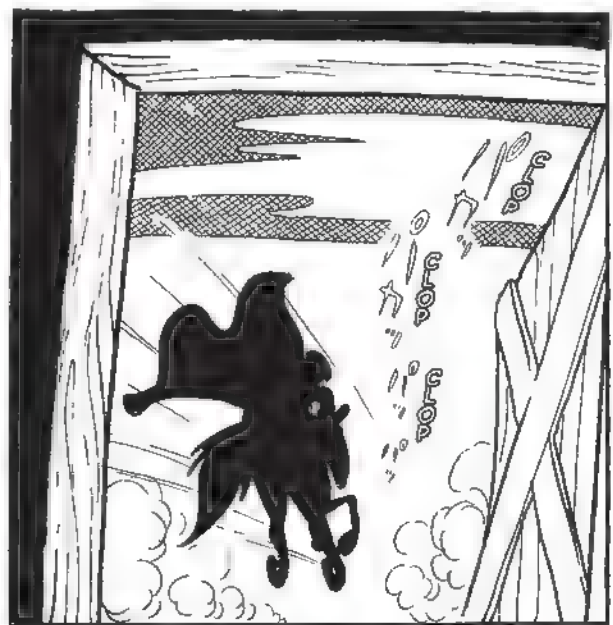
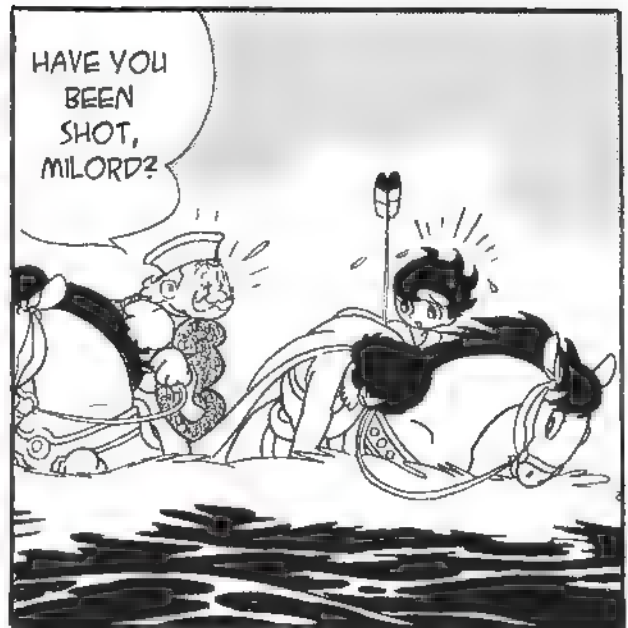
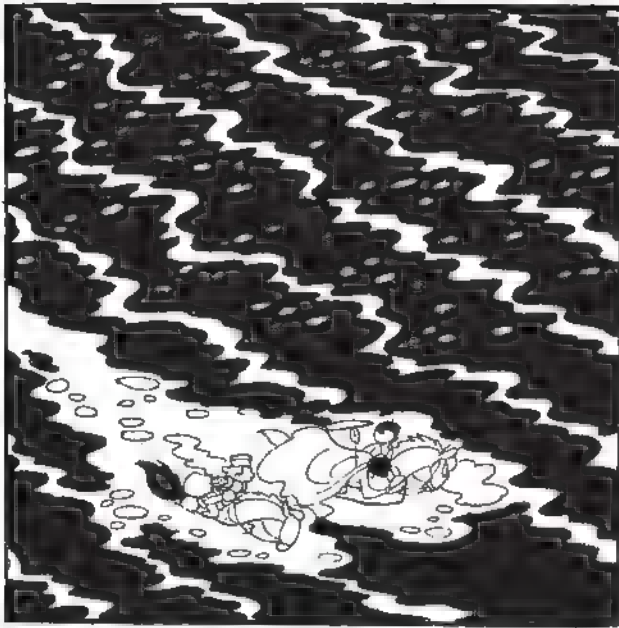
I'LL TAKE CARE
OF 'EM.
YOU TWO FLEE!













I WONDER IF THIS
WILL WORK AS A
SHAGGY WIG.



UH...
WHERE AM I?



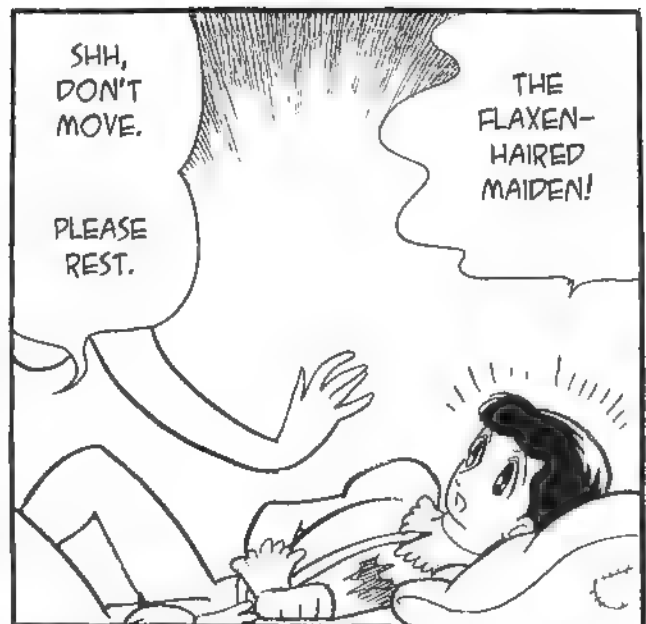
GOOD!
HE'S
AWAKE!

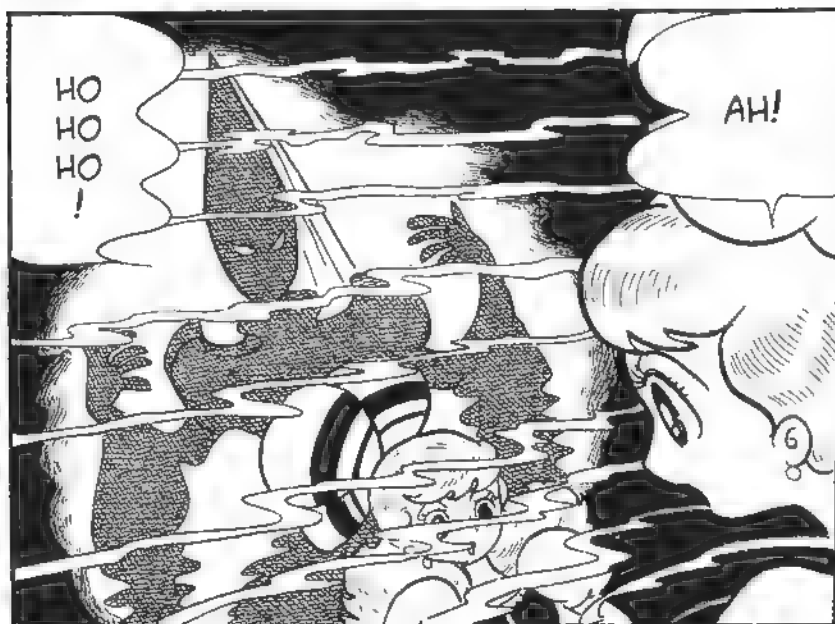


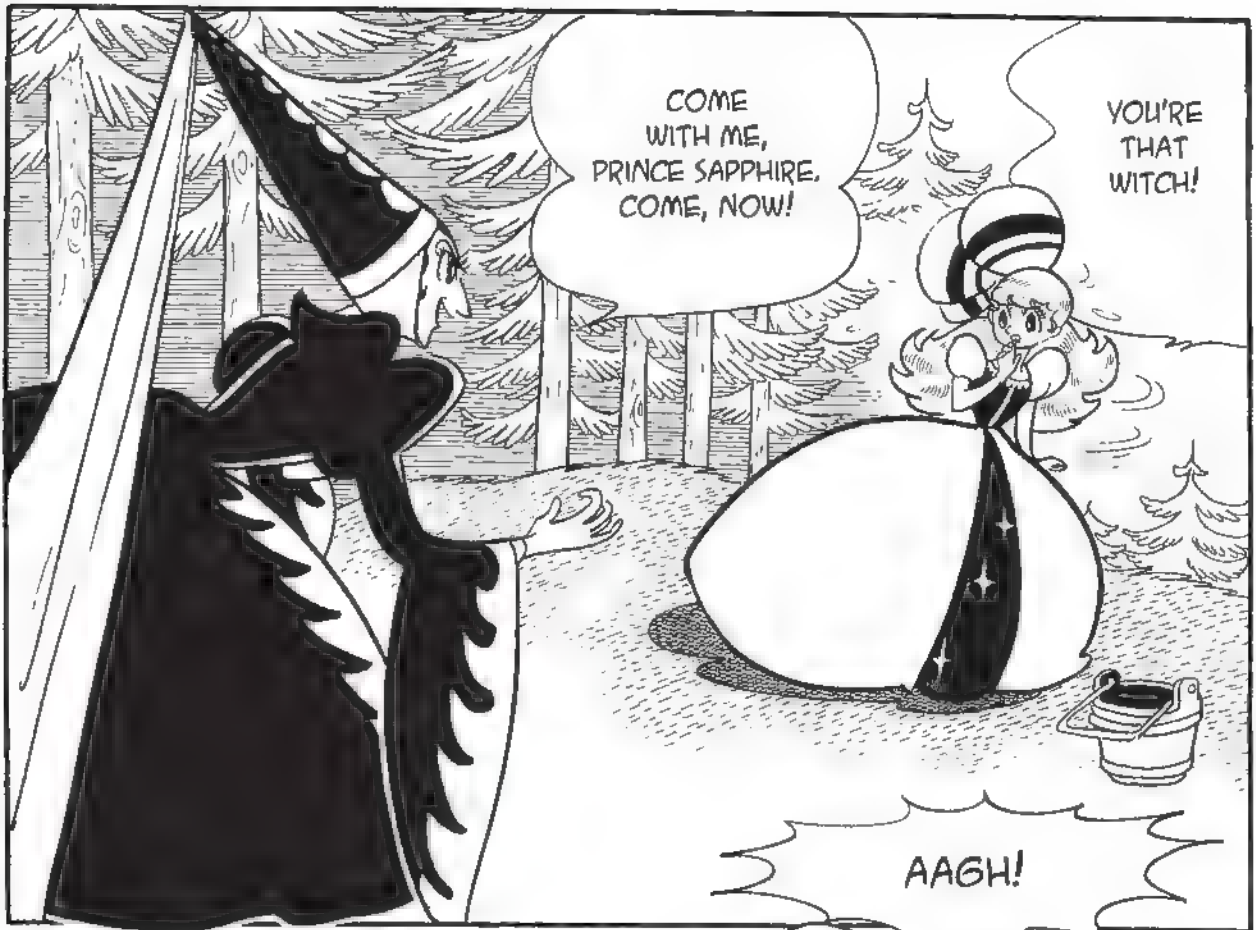
UHH
...

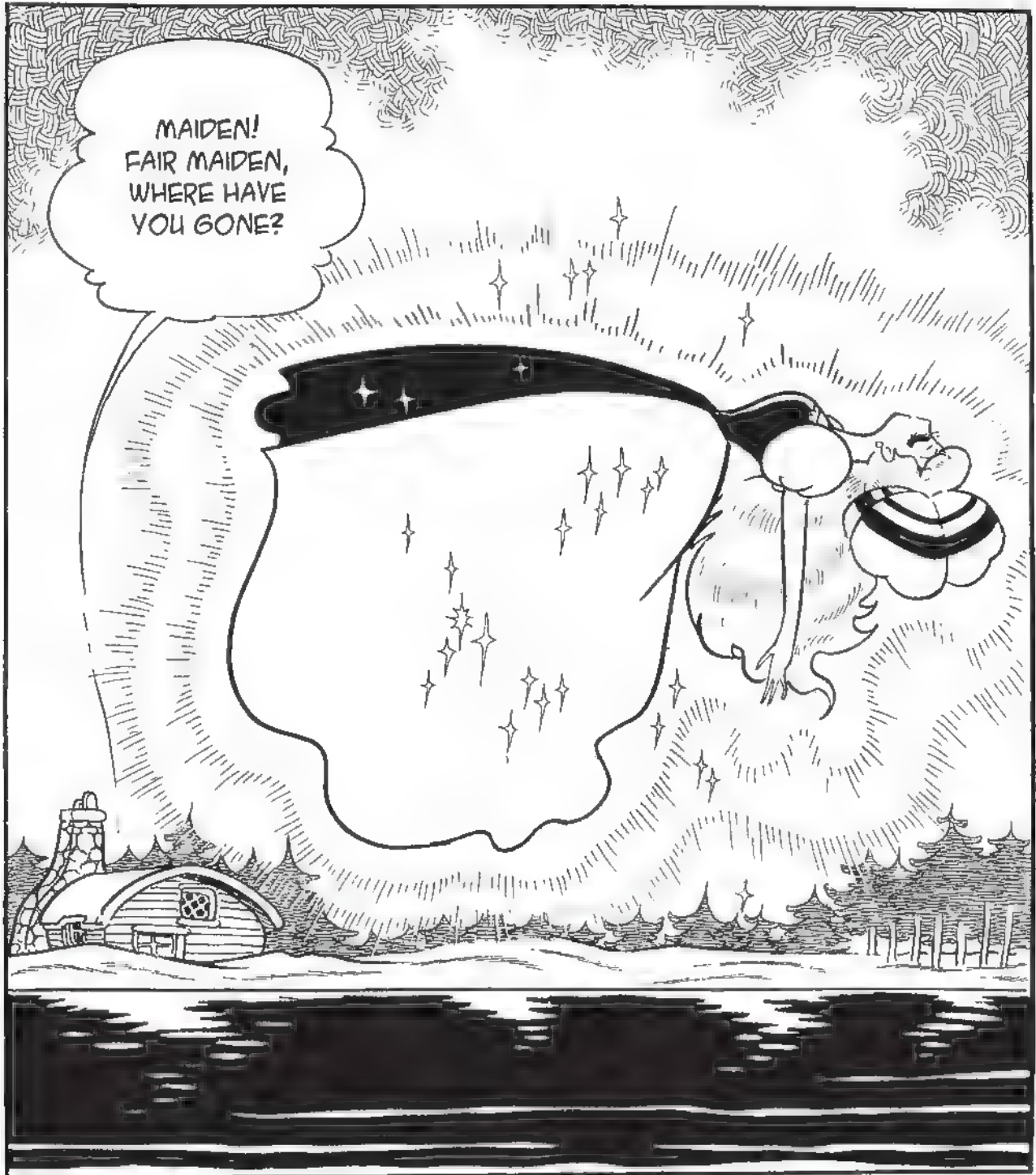
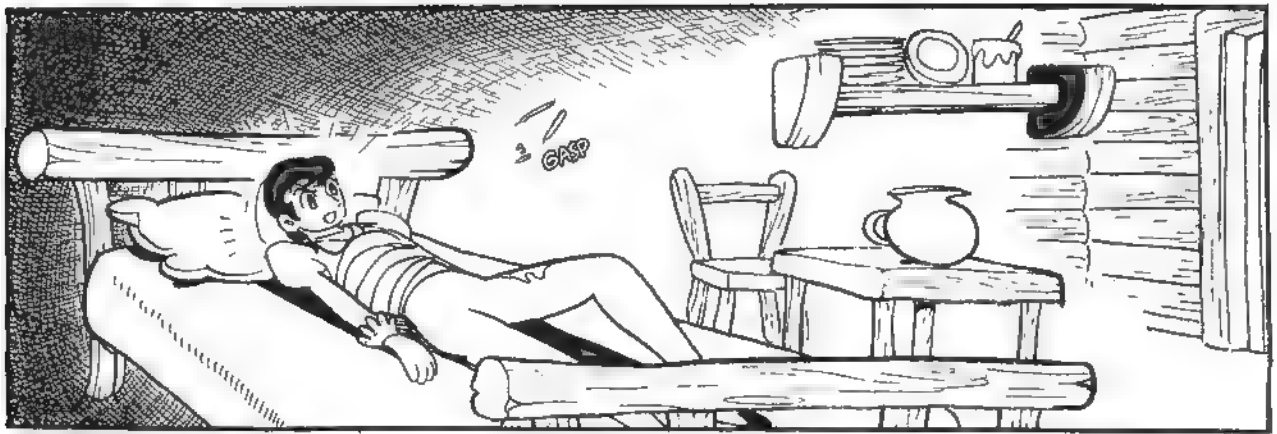


OH...
Y-YOU'RE...

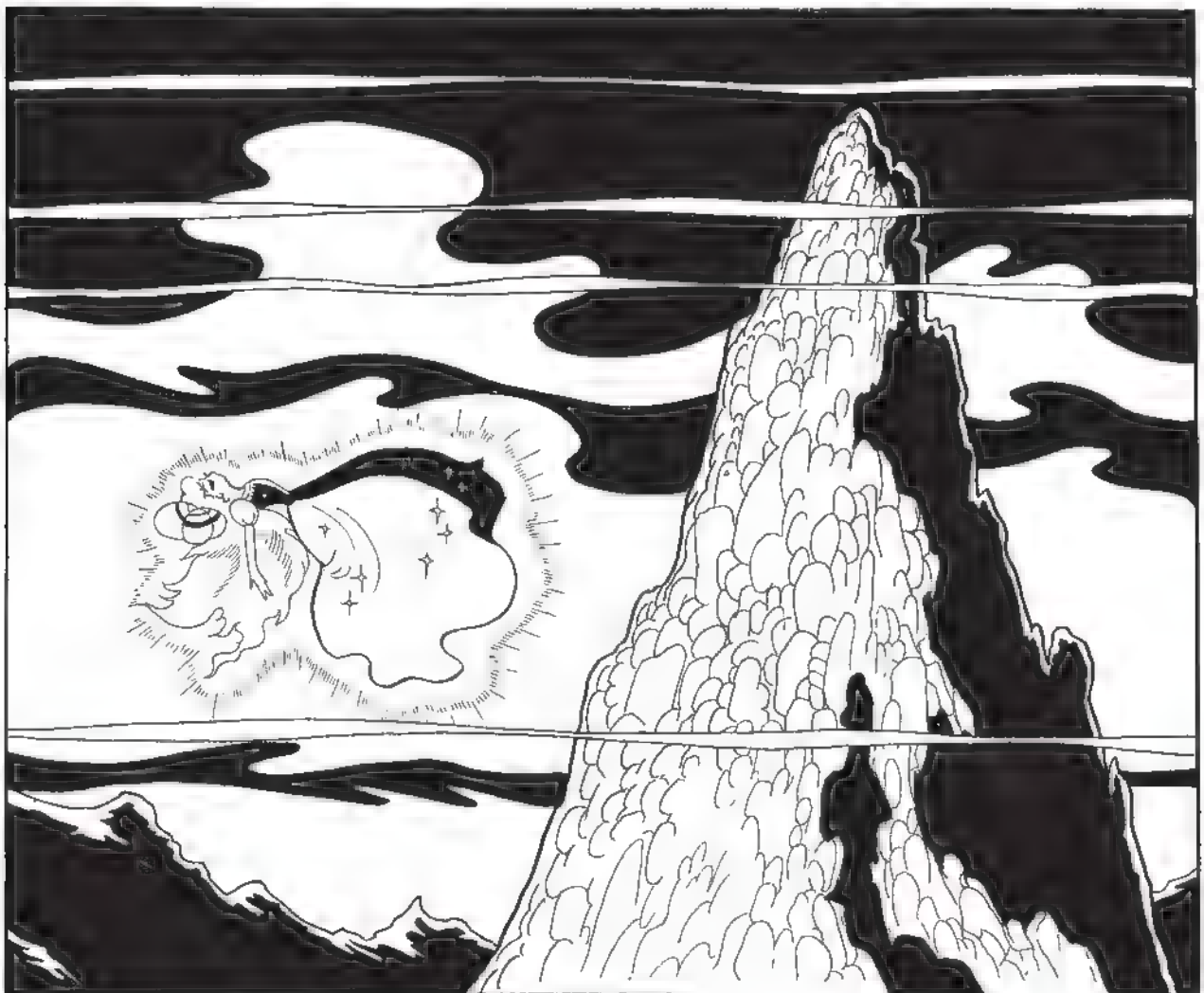
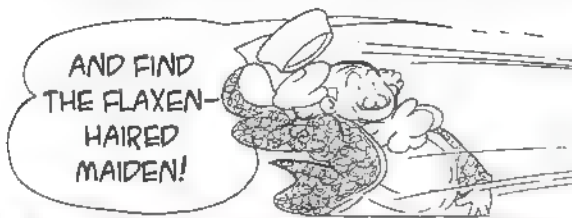






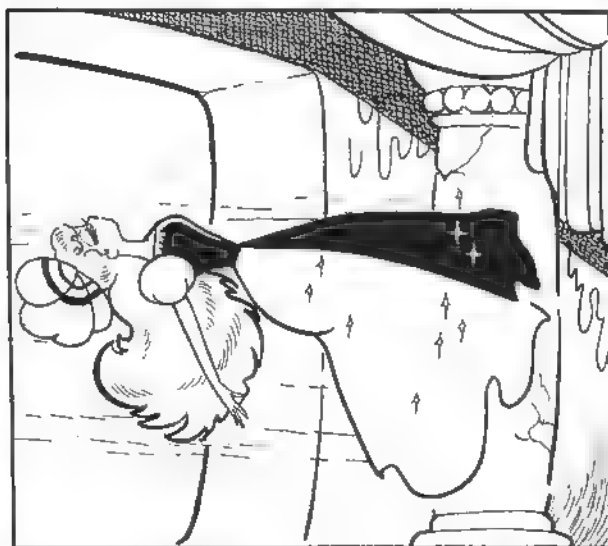
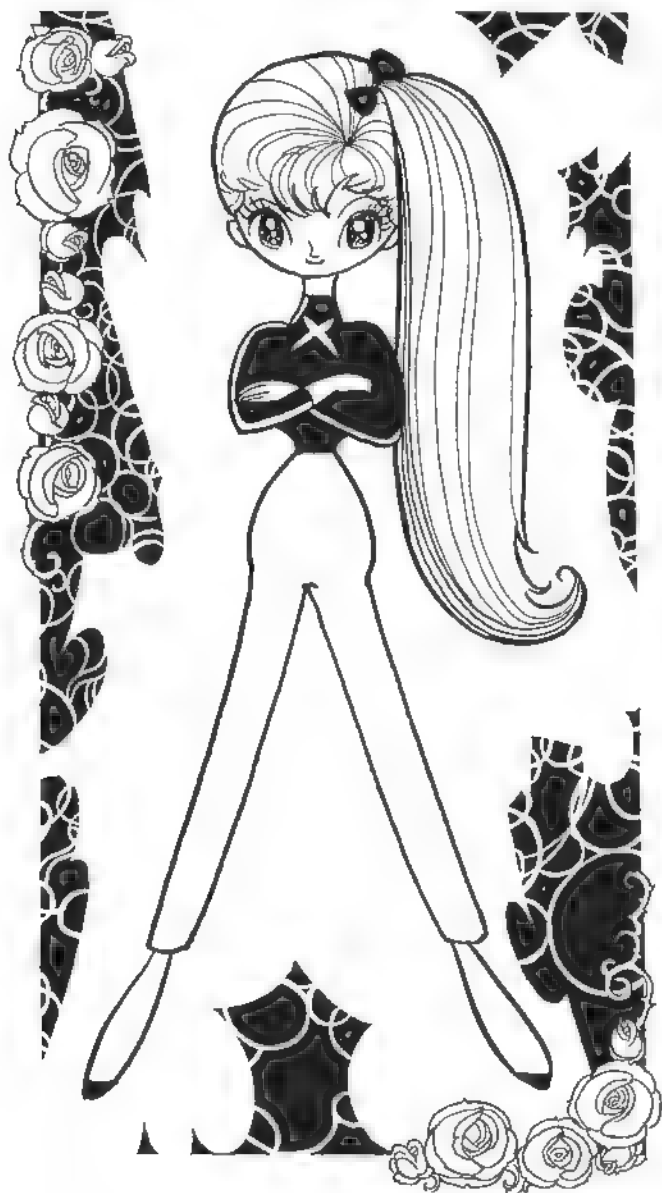
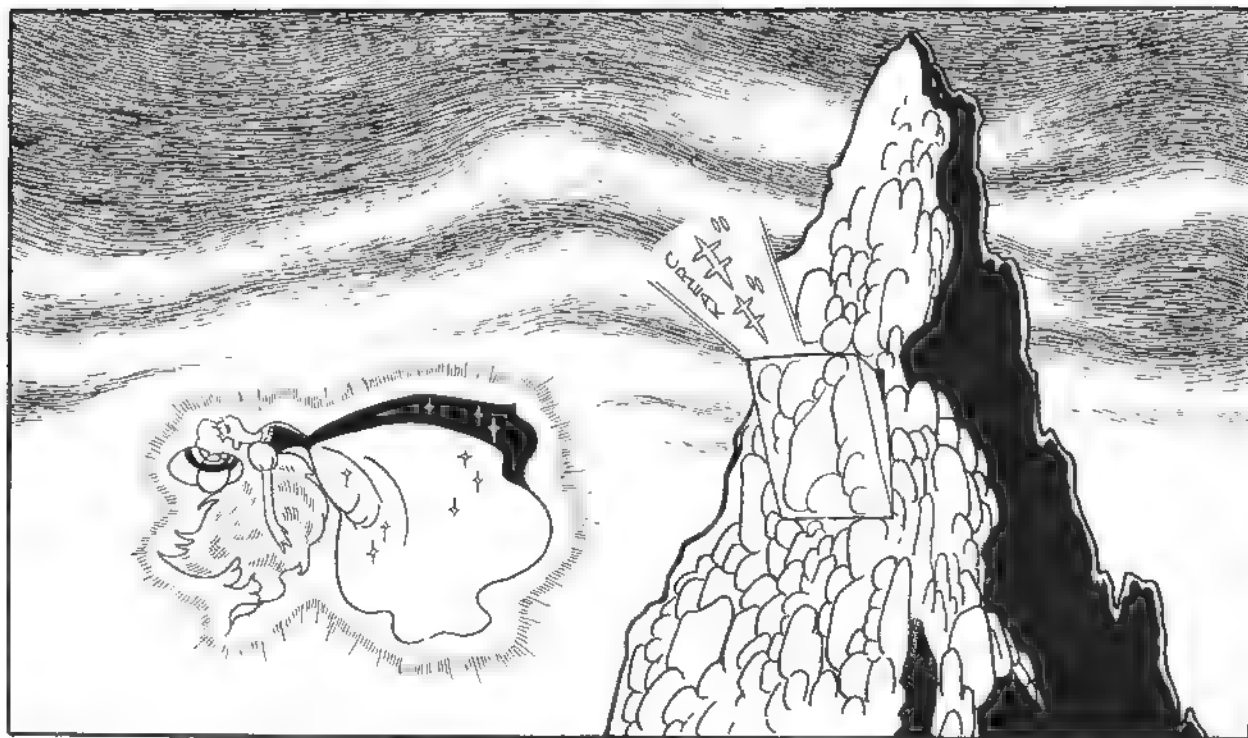


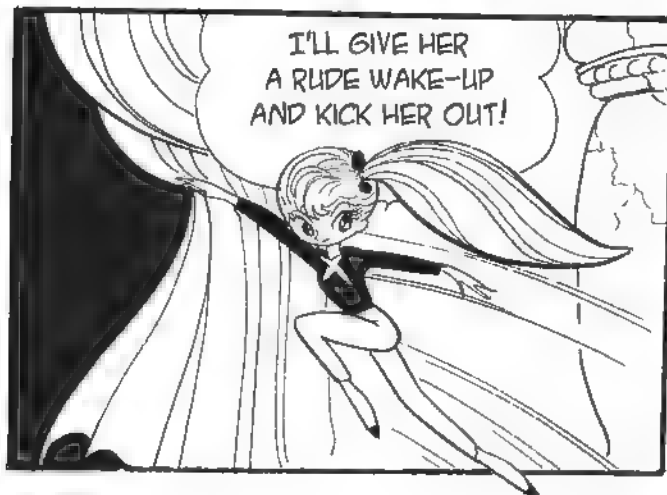
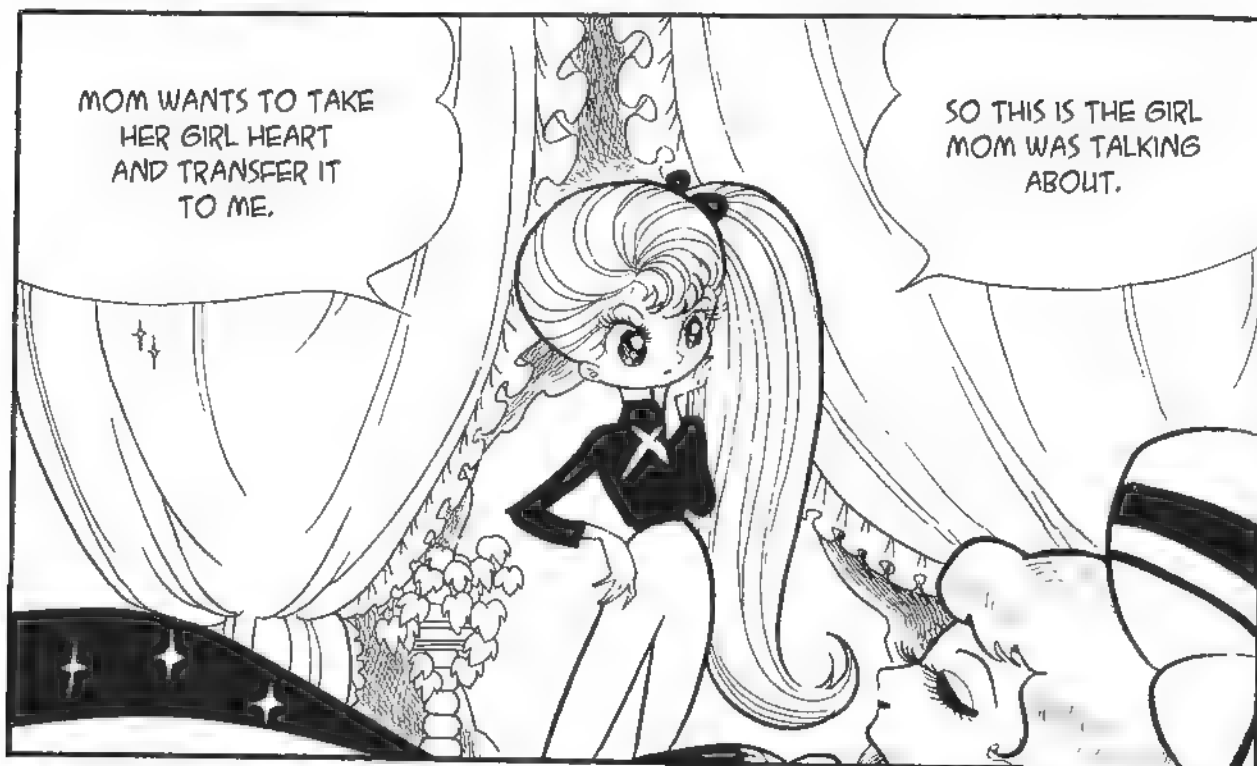
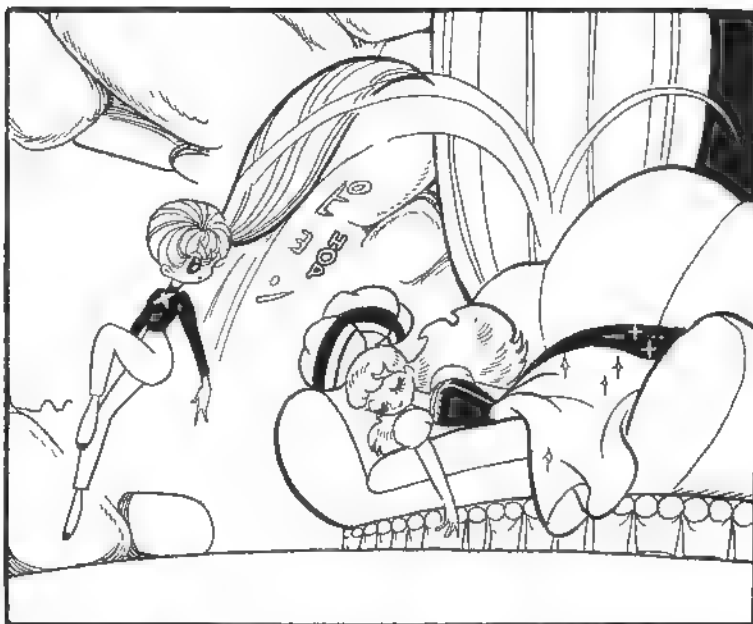
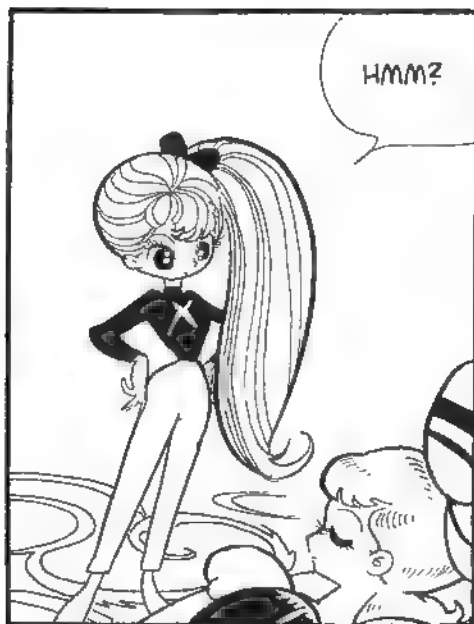


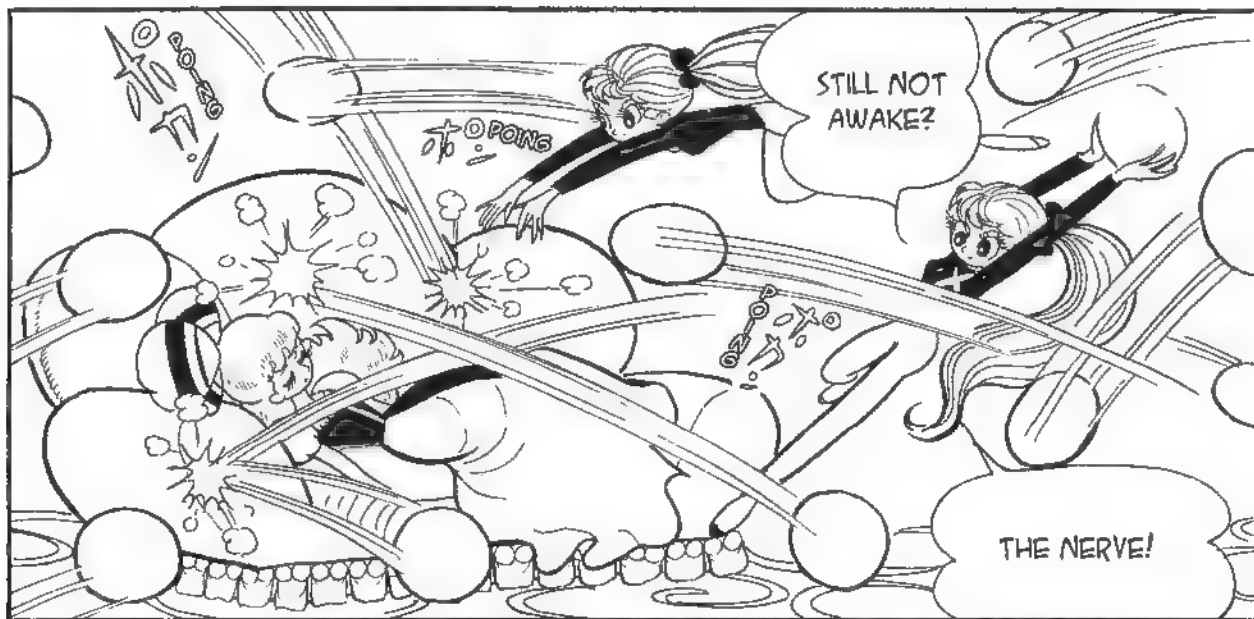


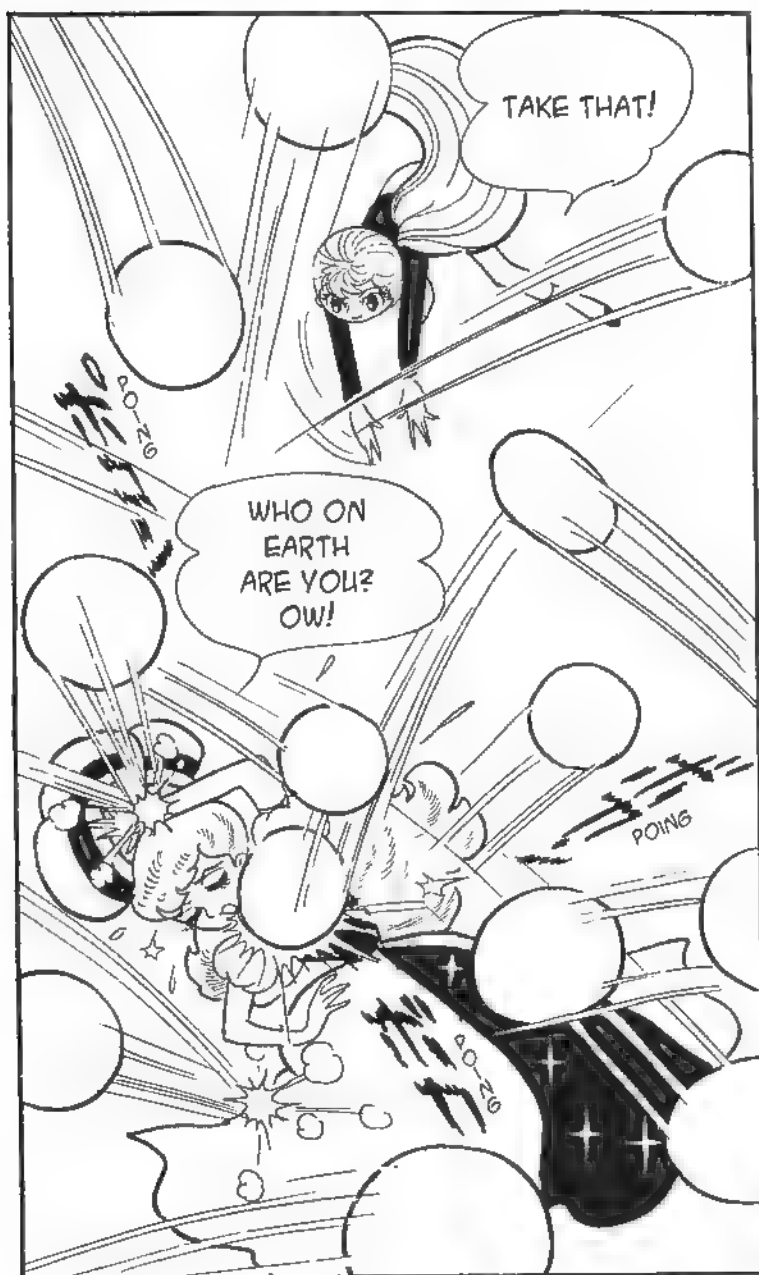
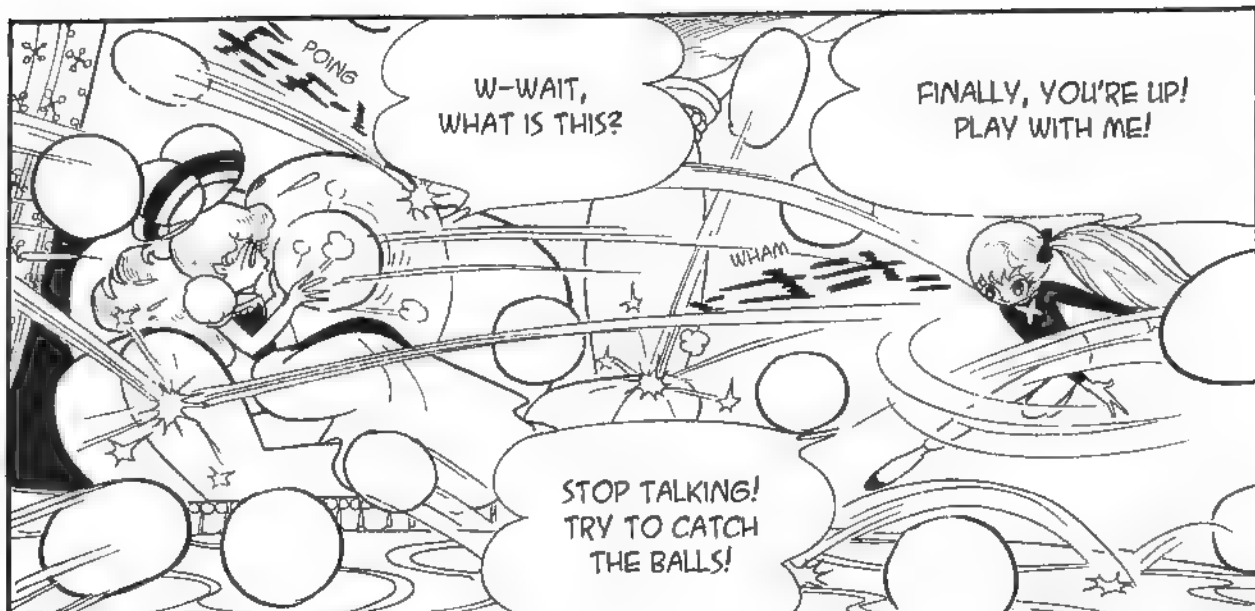
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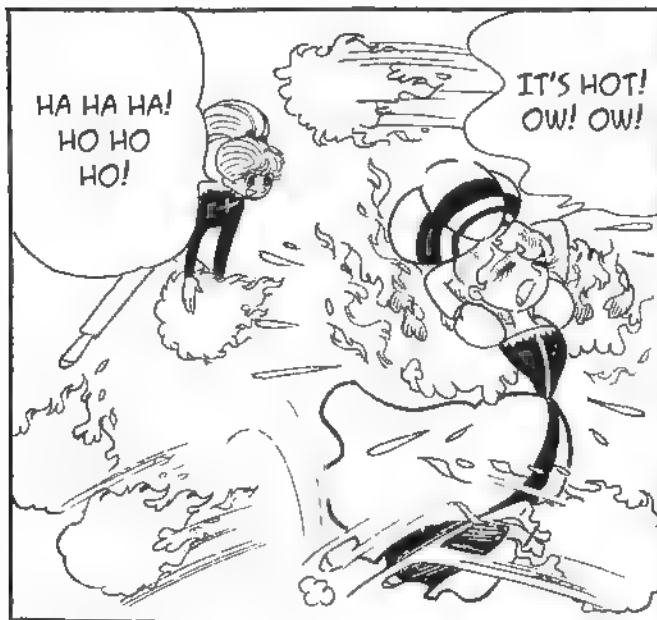
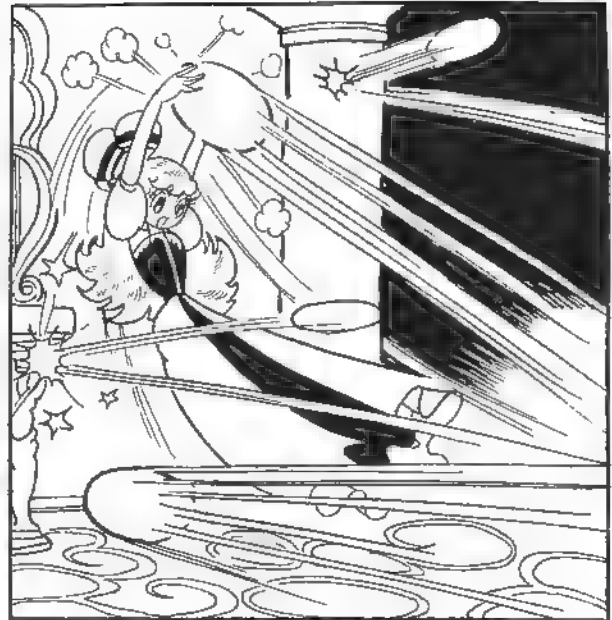
The Witch's Lair

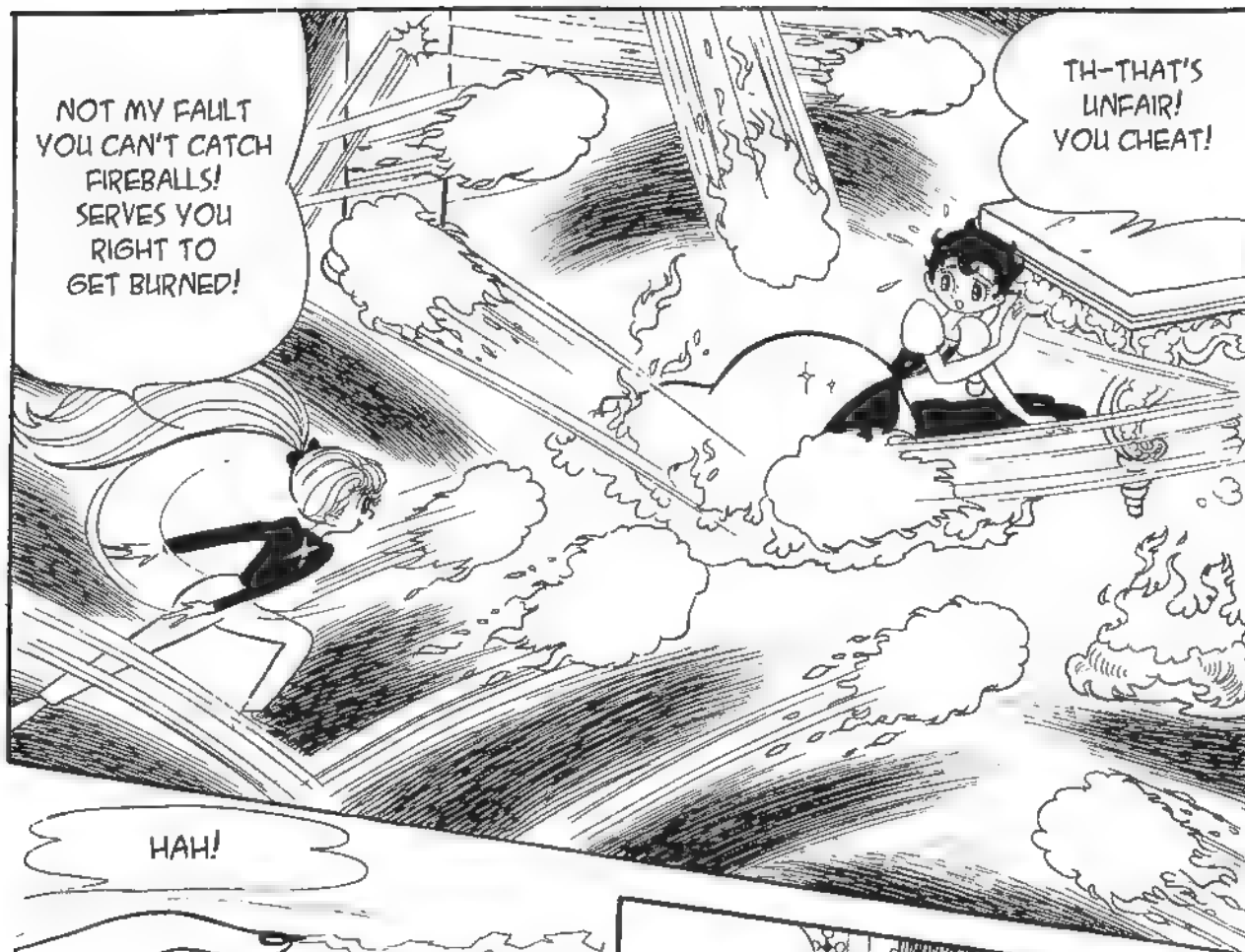


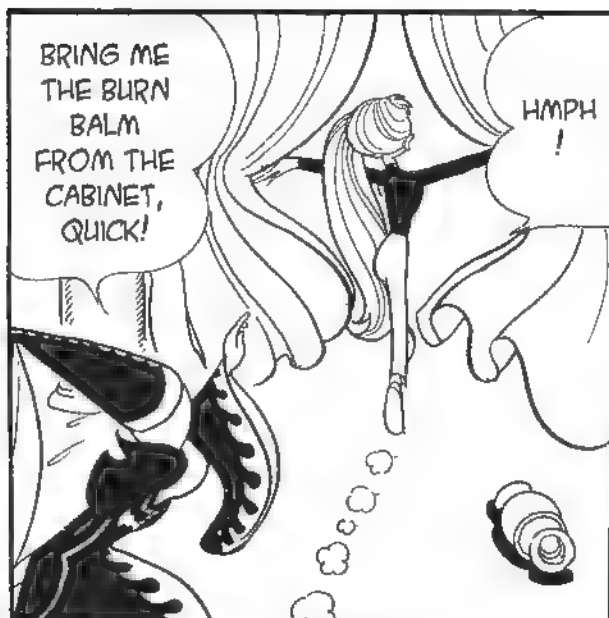


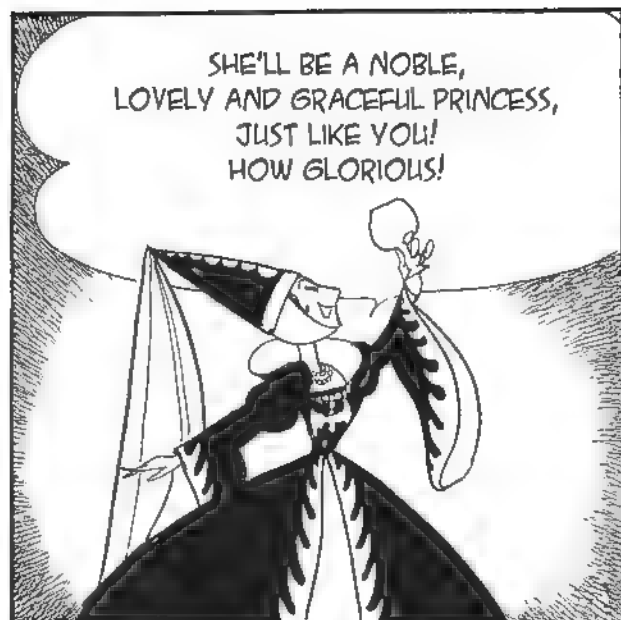








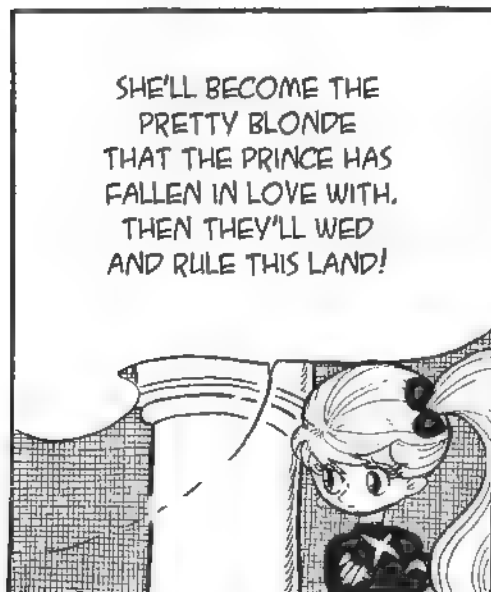






WHAT
?!

I EVEN KNOW THAT IN
YOUR GUISE AS
A BLONDE MAIDEN,
YOU LOVE PRINCE FRANZ!



SHE'LL BECOME THE
PRETTY BLONDE
THAT THE PRINCE HAS
FALLEN IN LOVE WITH.
THEN THEY'LL WED
AND RULE THIS LAND!



IF I GIVE YOUR
GIRL HEART
TO HECATE,

BUT
...

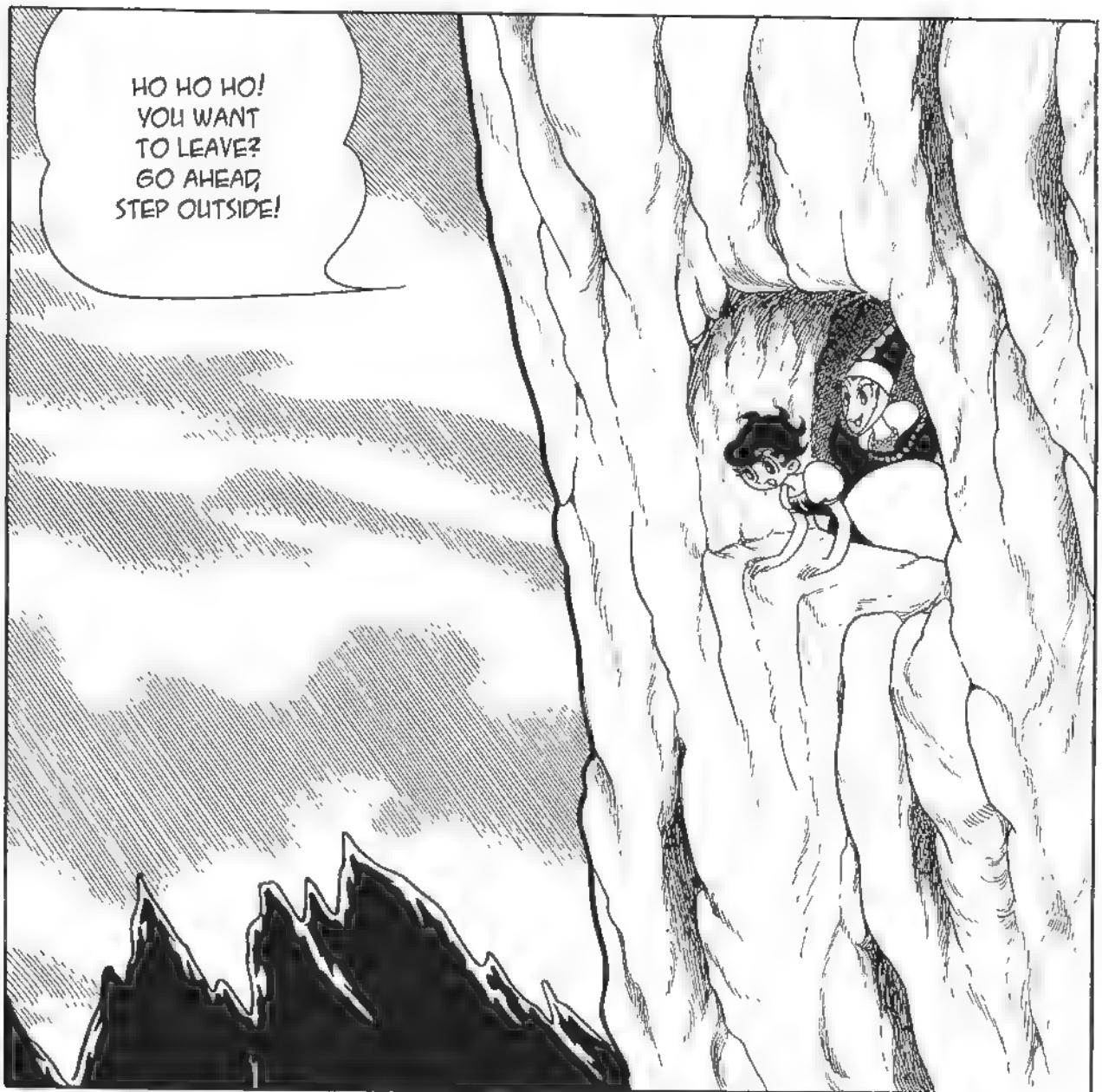


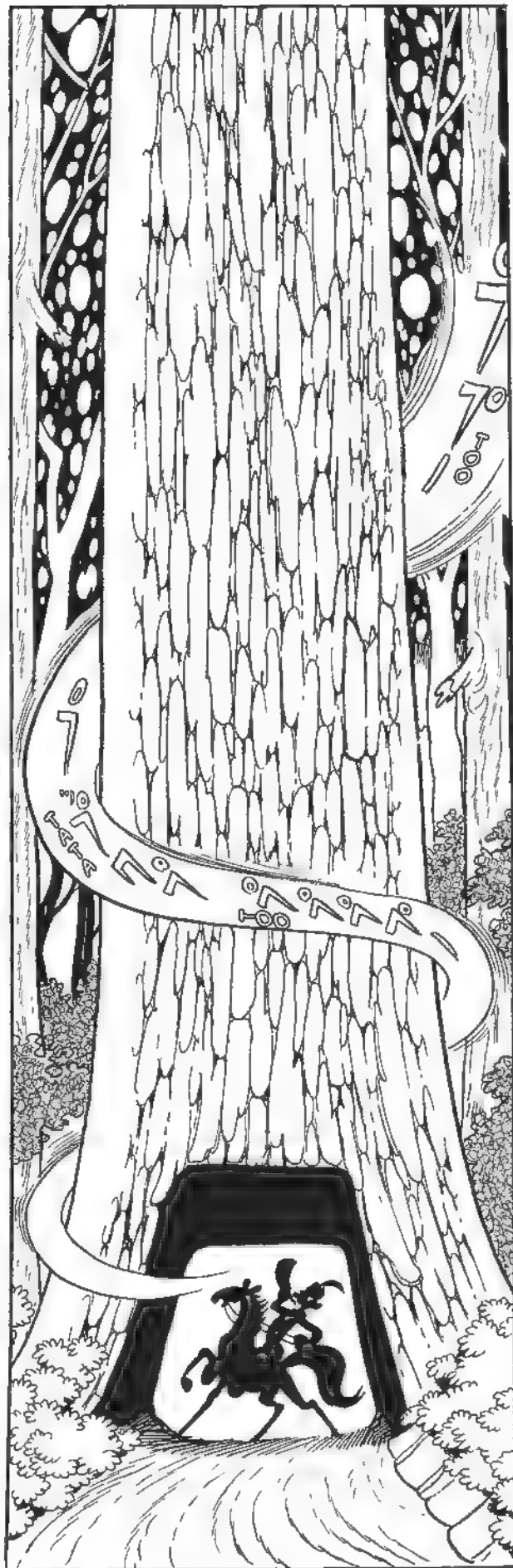
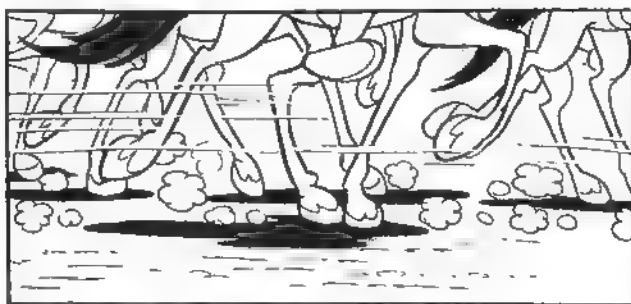
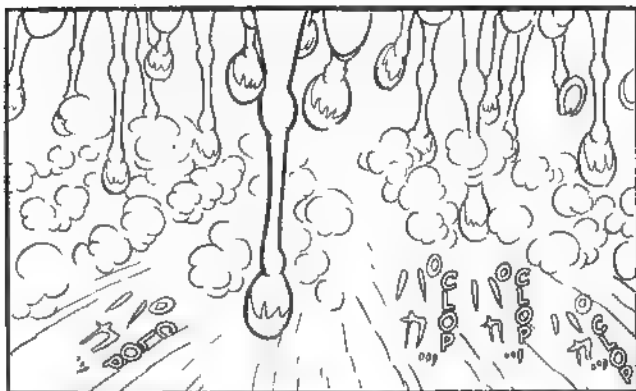
I CAN'T
BEAR IT
HERE
ANOTHER
MINUTE!

WHERE DO
YOU THINK
YOU'RE
GOING?

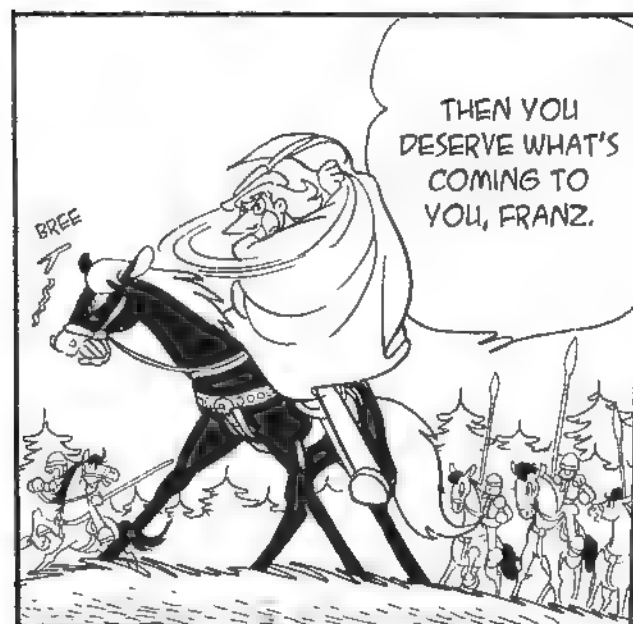


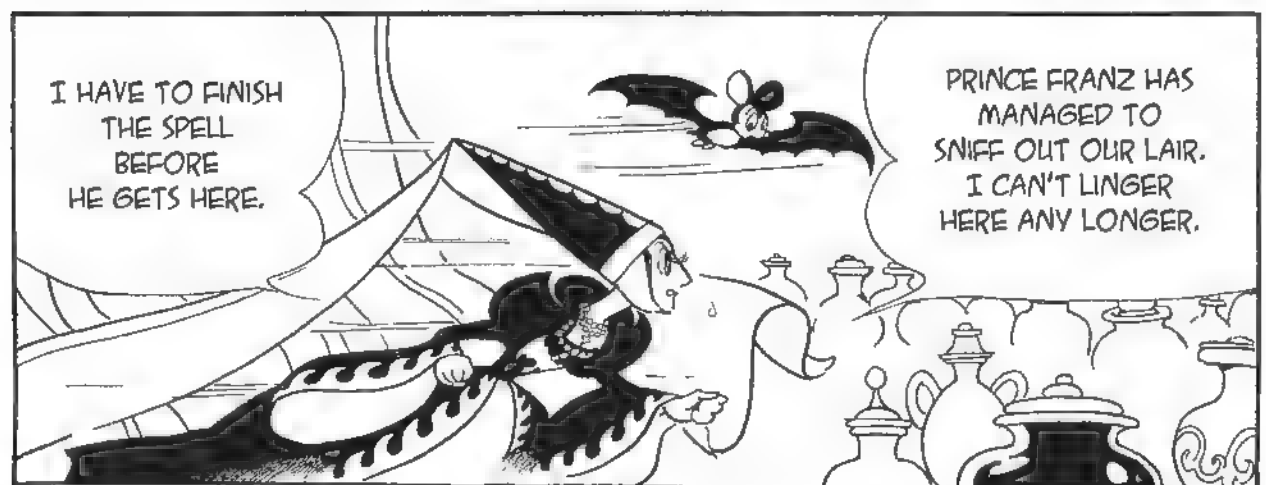
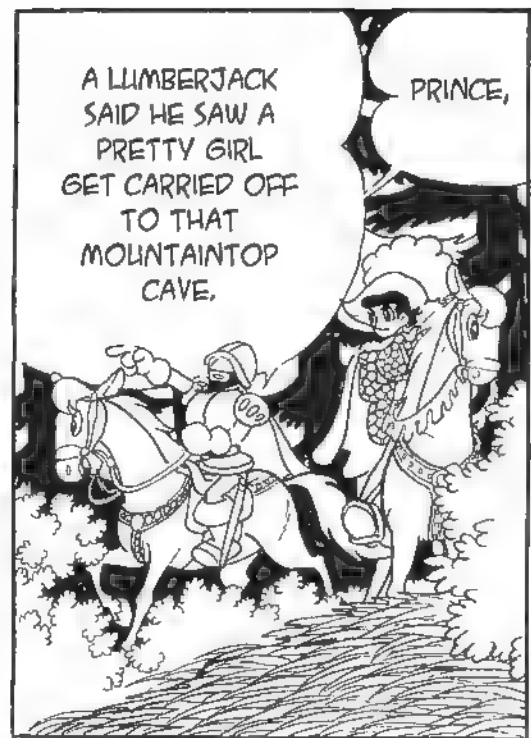
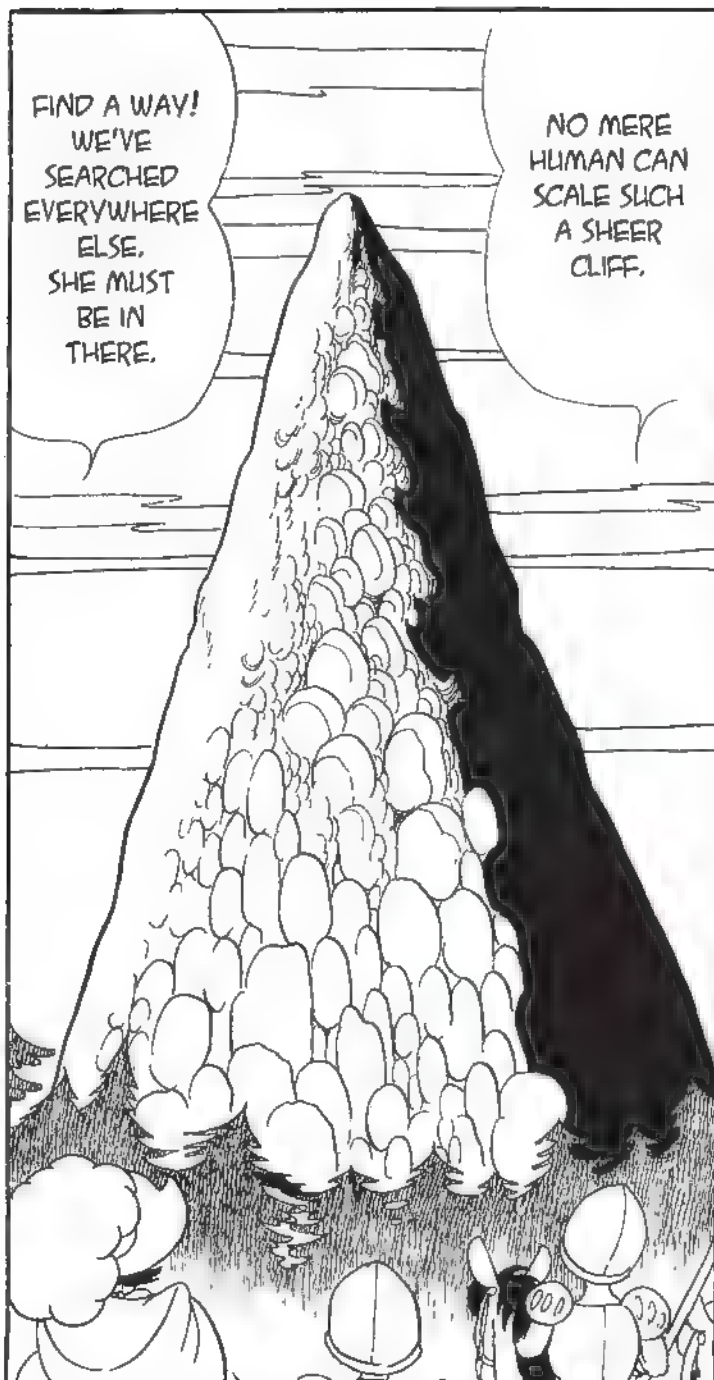
YOU EVIL WITCH!
SO THAT WAS
YOUR PLOT
ALL ALONG!



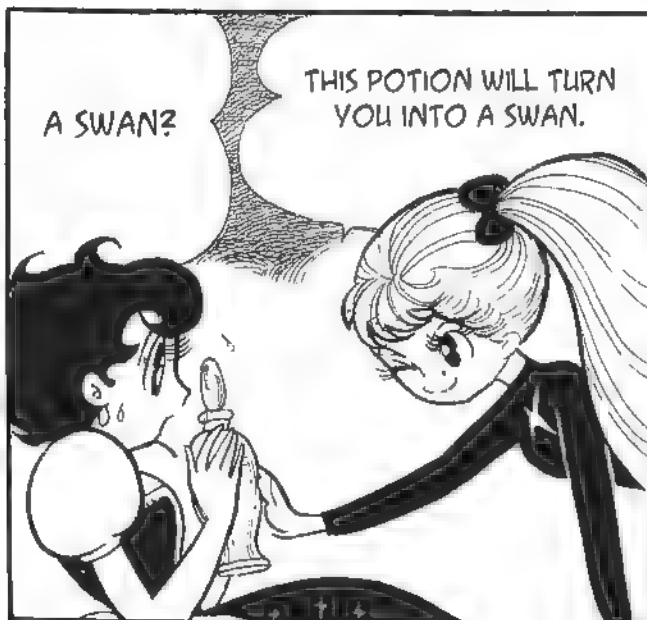
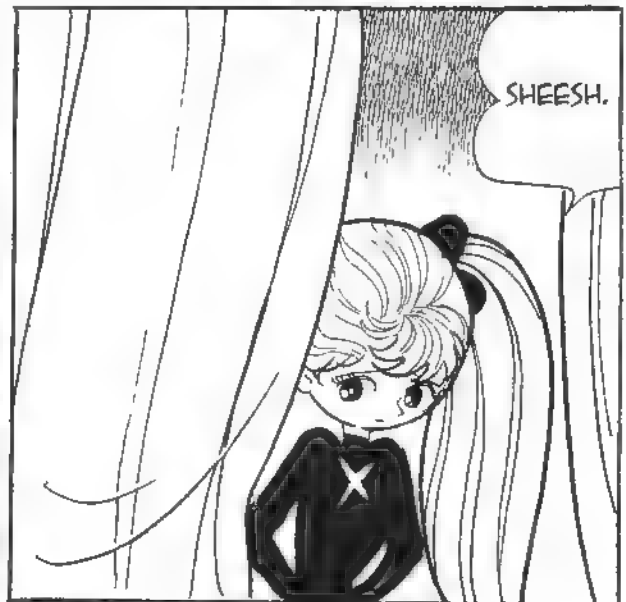
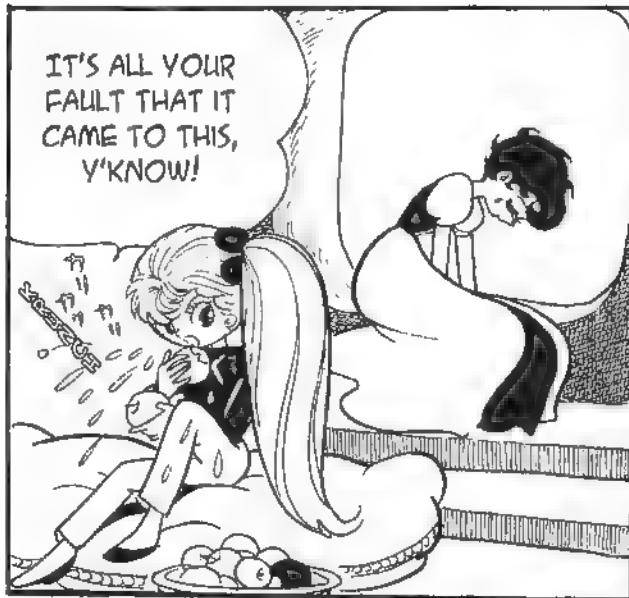












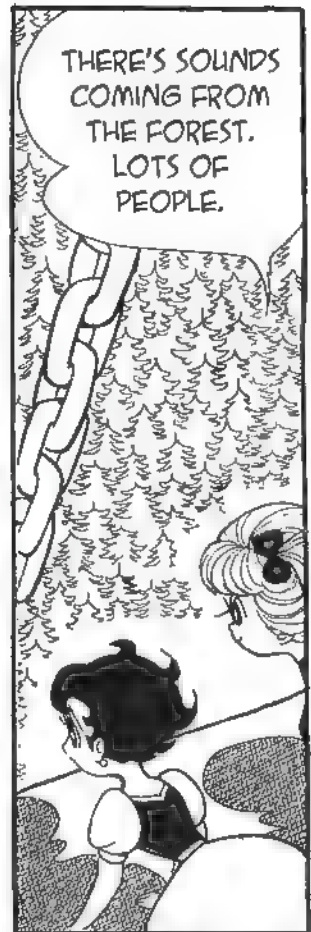
THOSE PEOPLE
WILL NEVER
SUSPECT
YOU'RE
A BIRD!



MUST BE YOUR
PURSUERS!
YOU BETTER
HURRY UP
AND DRINK
THE POTION!



THERE'S SOUNDS
COMING FROM
THE FOREST.
LOTS OF
PEOPLE.

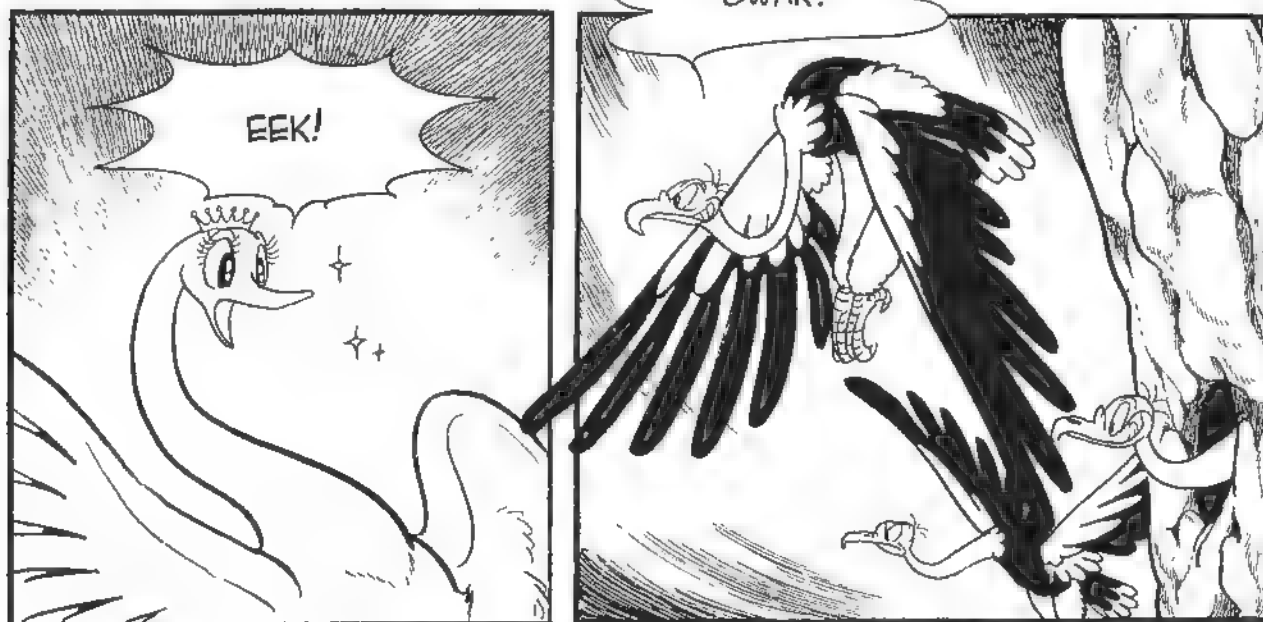
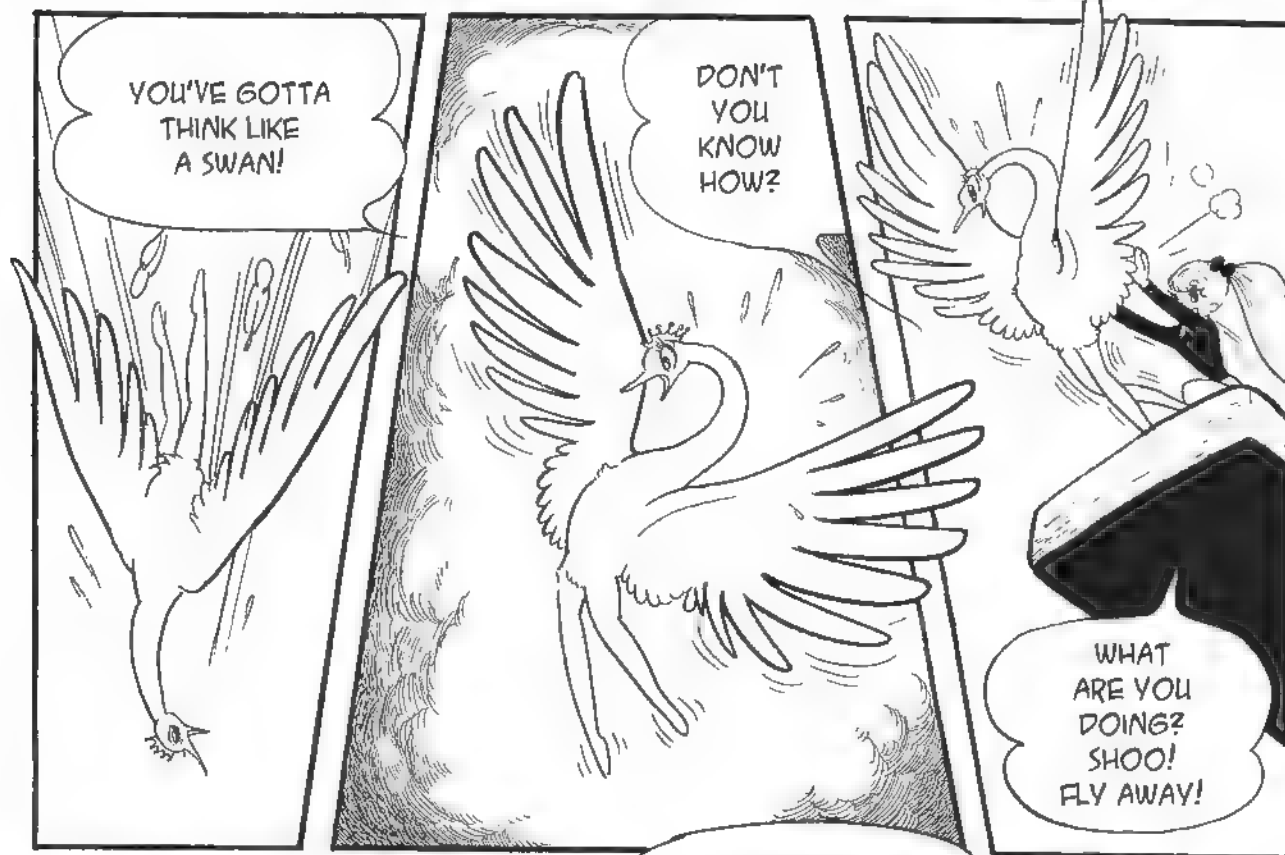
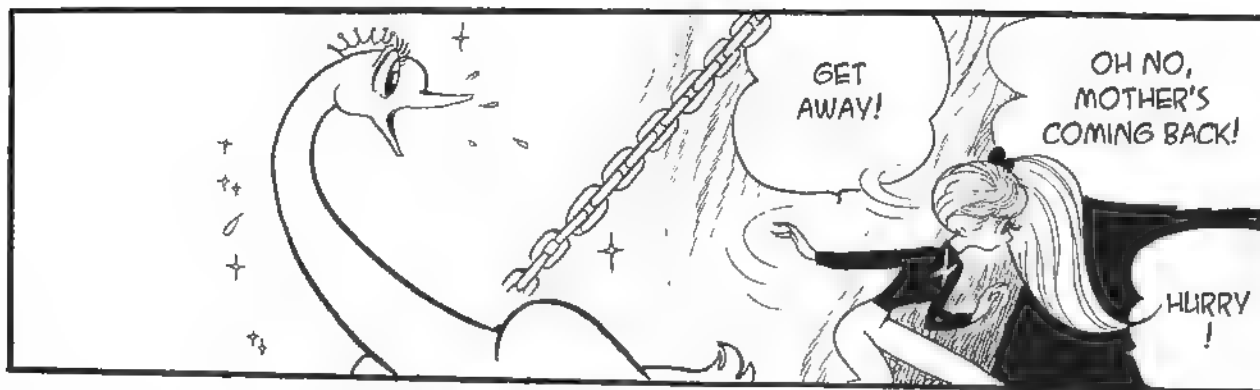


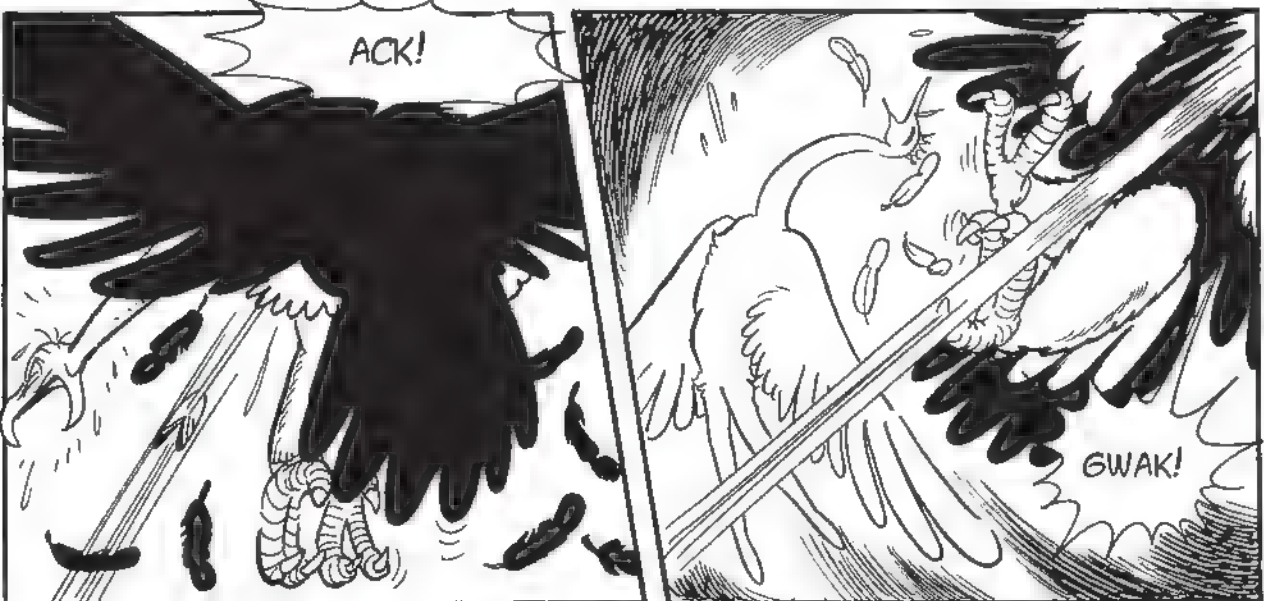
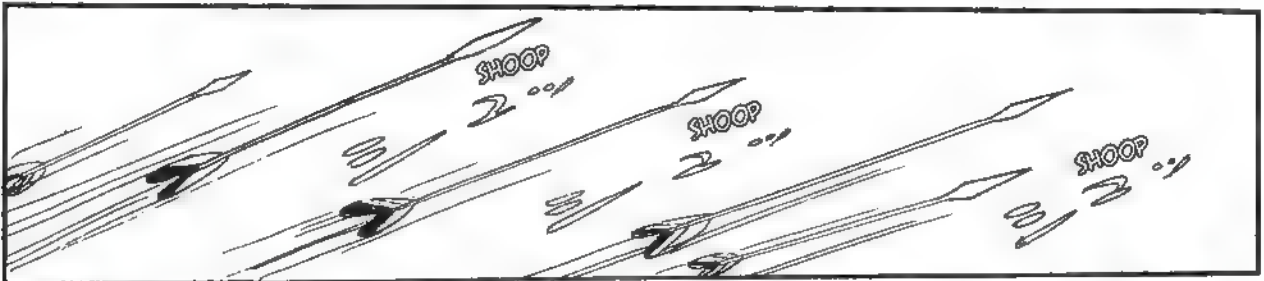
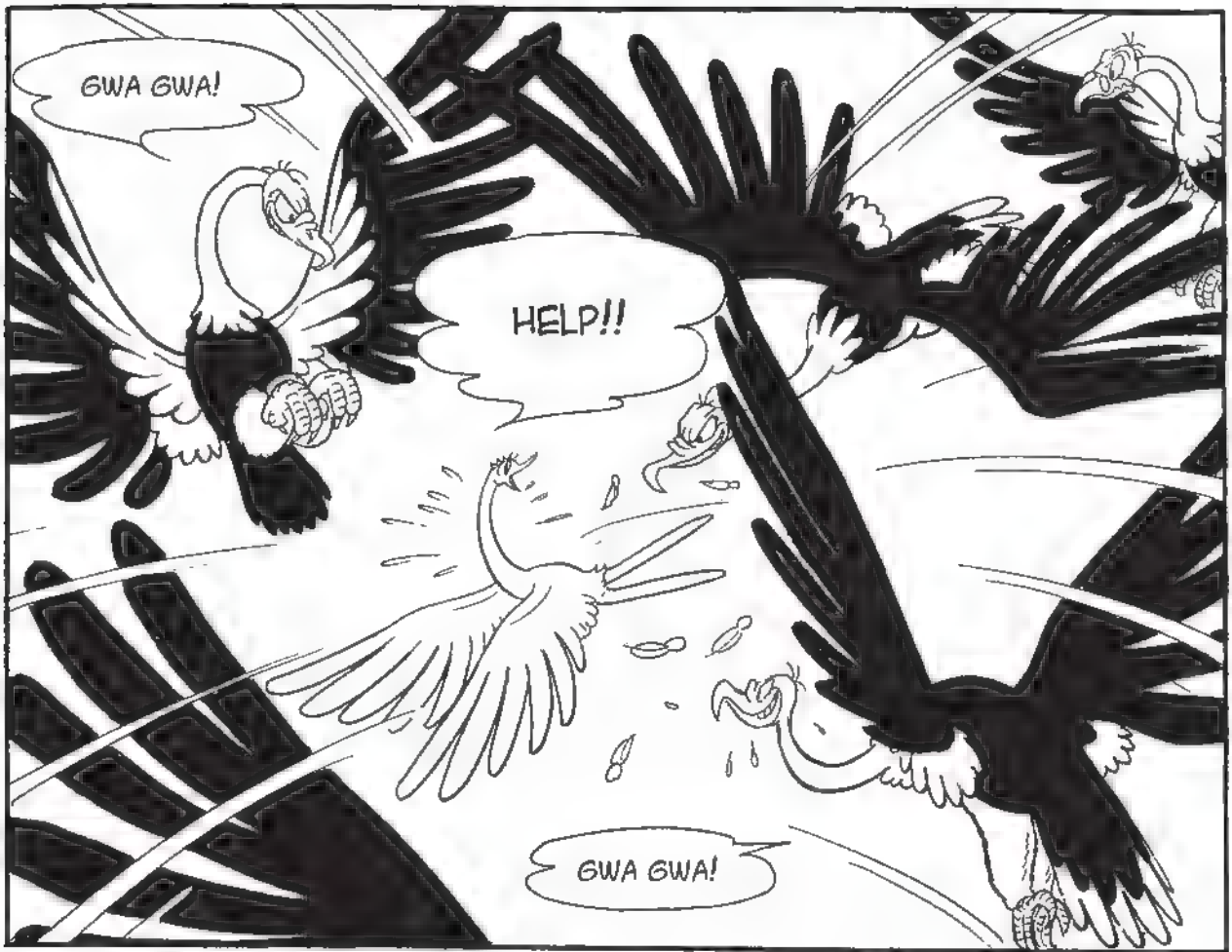
?
HA HA HA!
WOW,
YOU MAKE
QUITE THE
LOVELY SWAN!

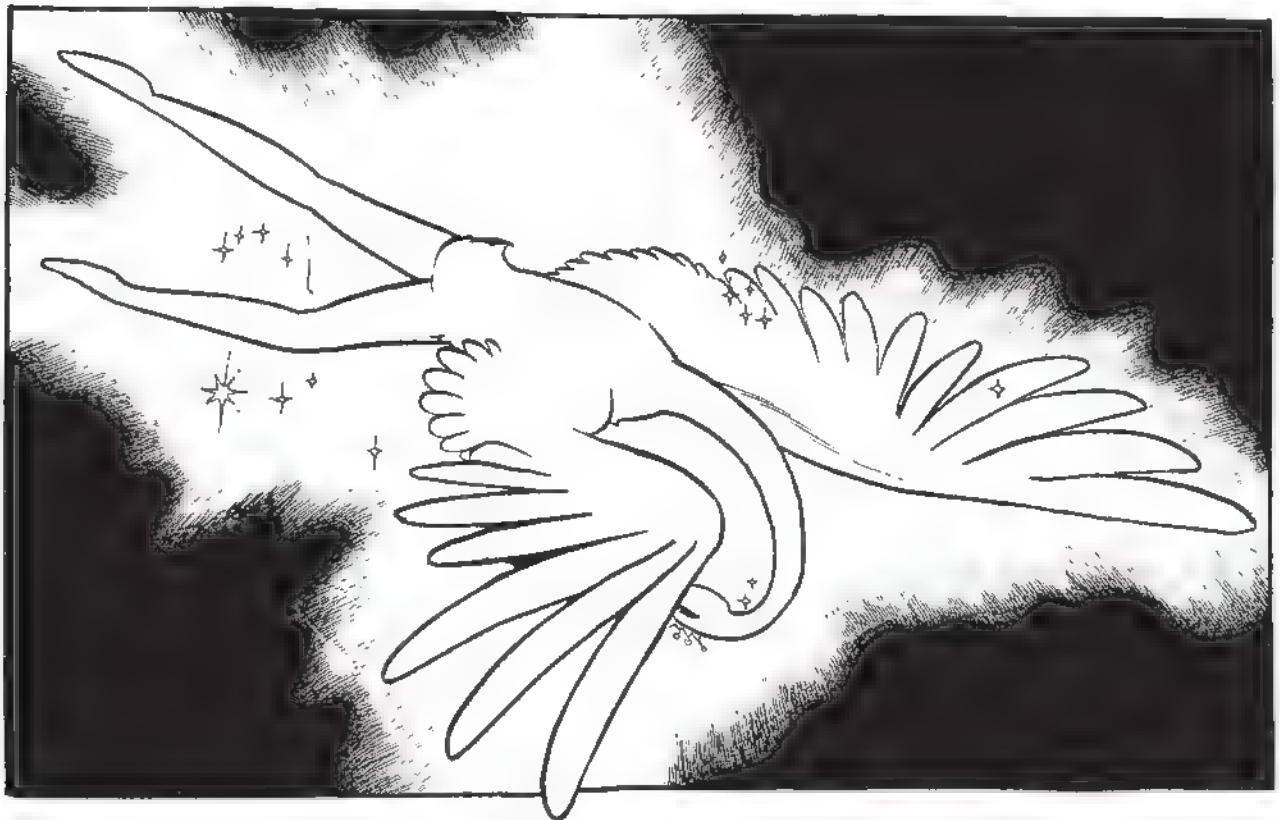
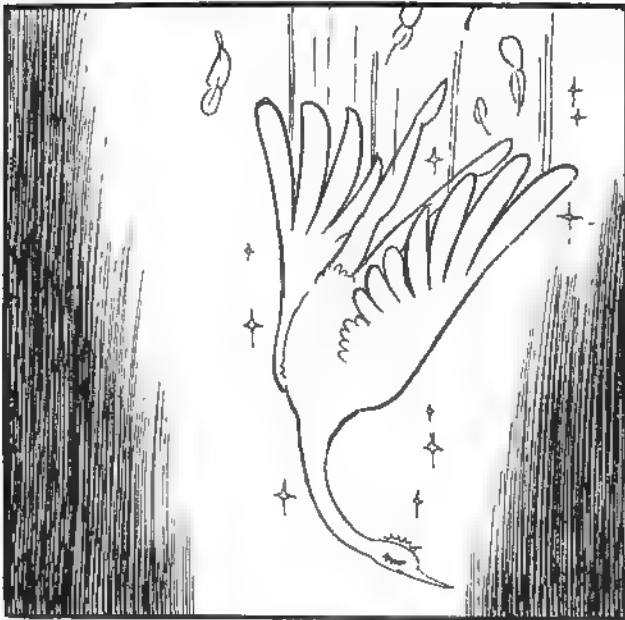


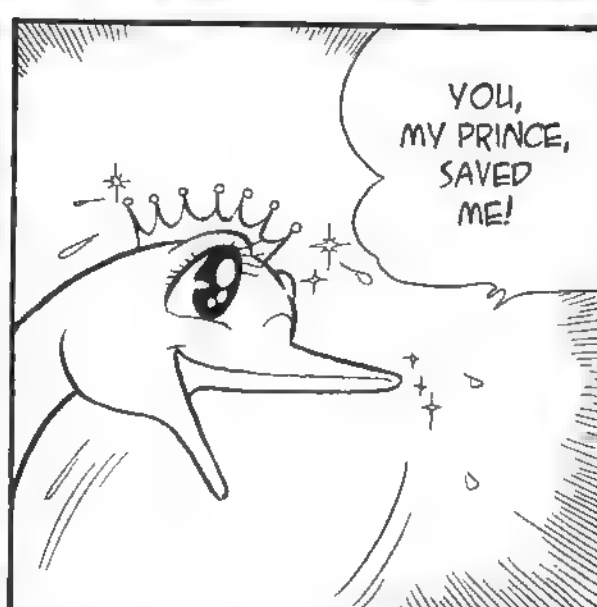
AH!
I-IT HURTS!

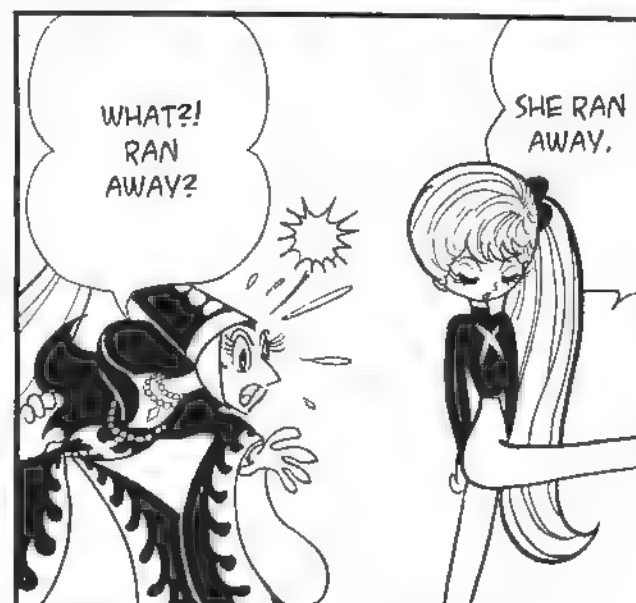
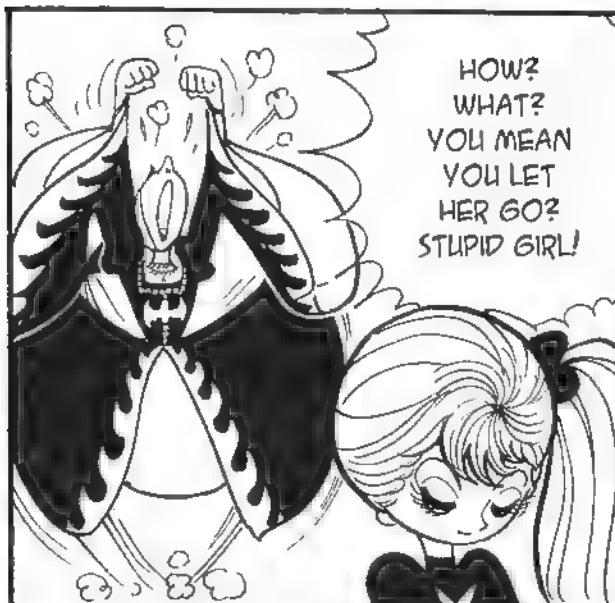


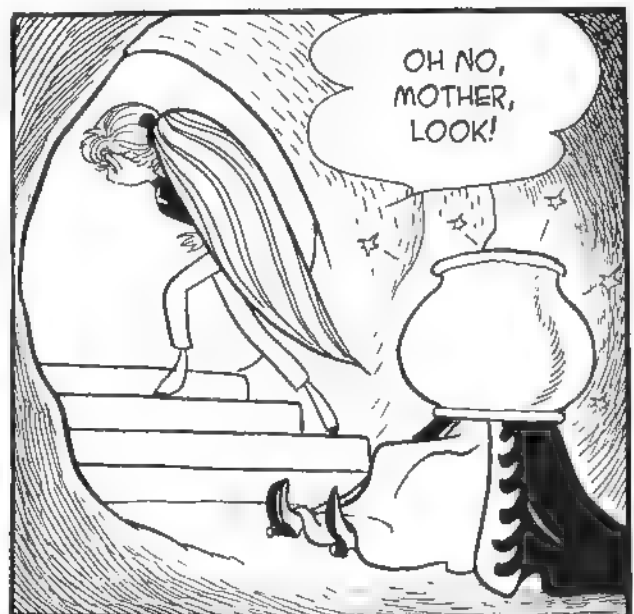
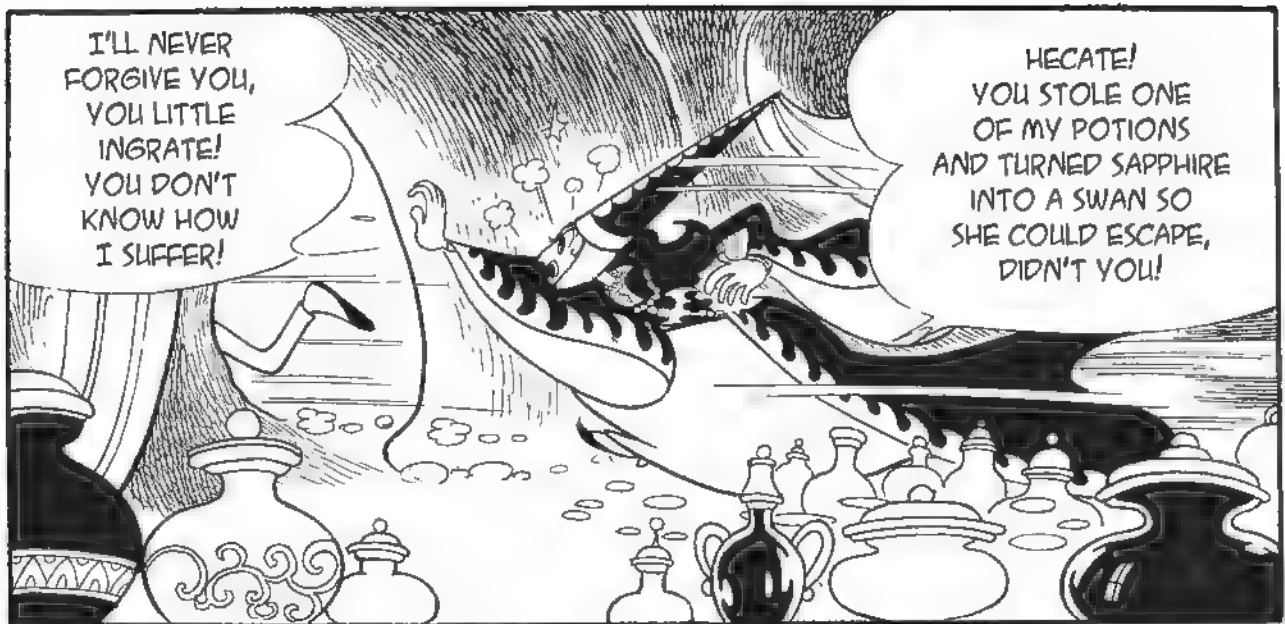






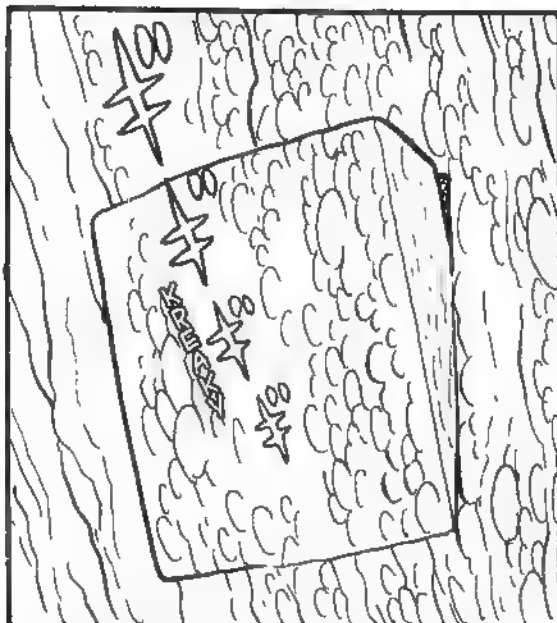








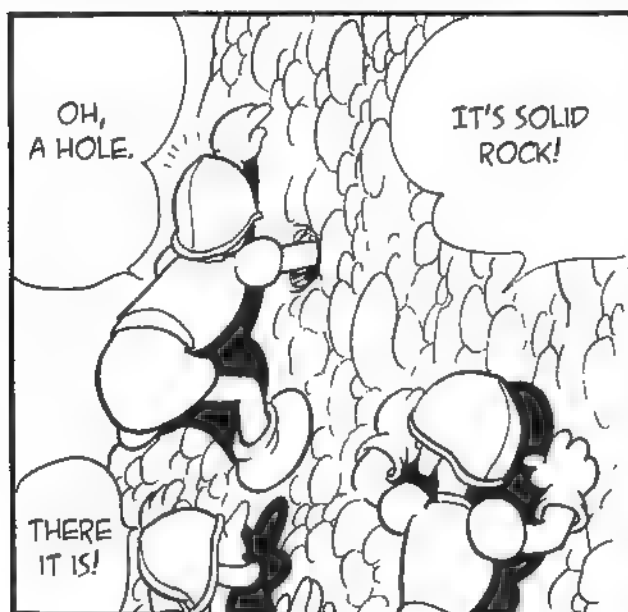
HMPH!
I'LL NEVER
LET YOU
ENTER
MY HOME!
YAH!



THIS IS CRAZY!
WE CAN'T CLIMB
THIS CLIFF!

YOU'RE ONE
TO TALK!
YOU ALWAYS
STAY OUT
DRINKING ALL
NIGHT AND CLIMB
OVER THE
LOCKED GATES
BEFORE
DAWN!

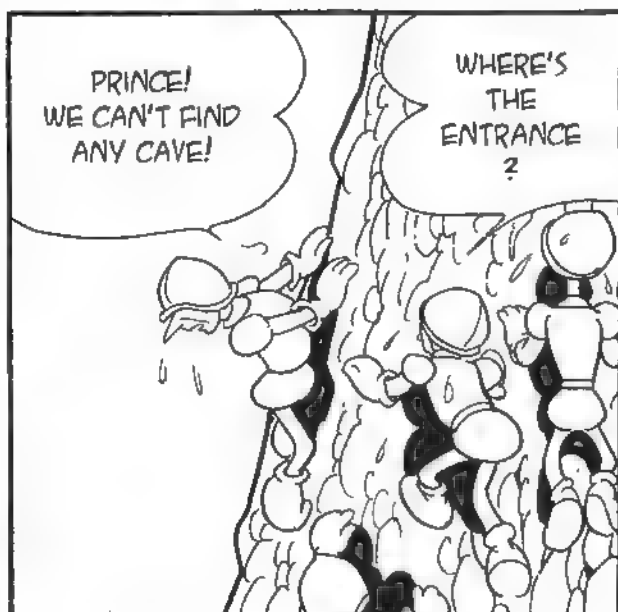
I PREFER
THE BEACH
TO THE
MOUNTAINS.



OH,
A HOLE.

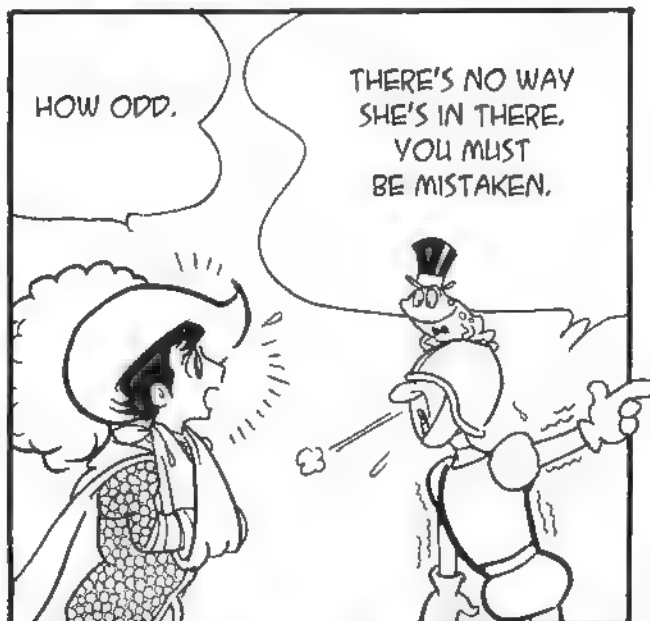
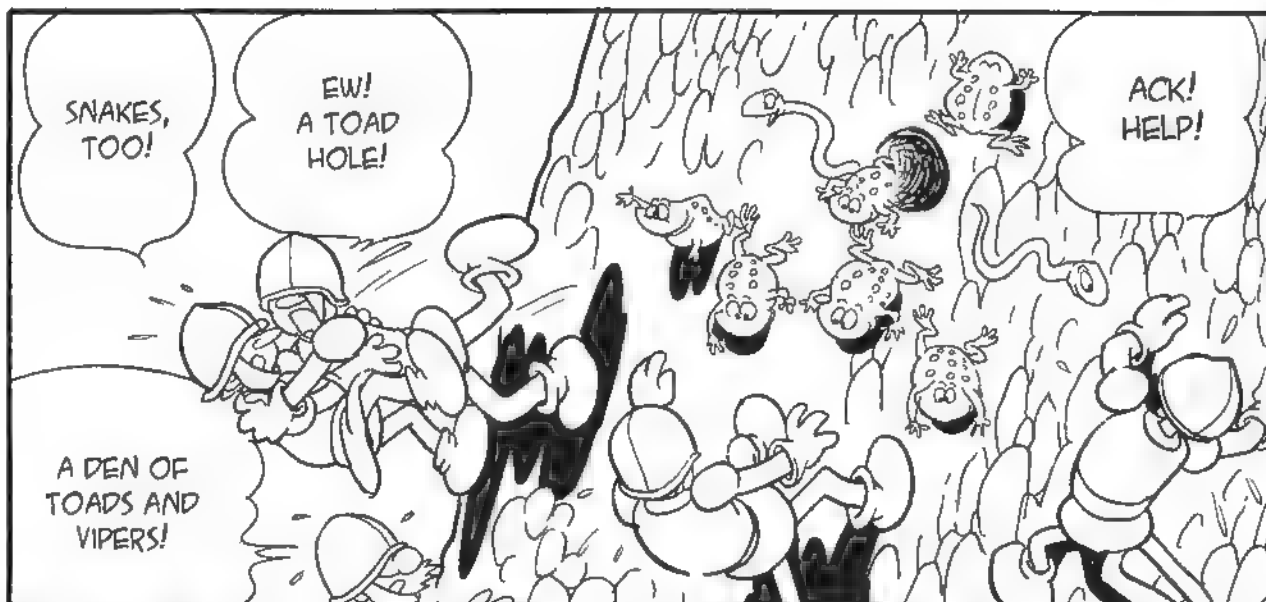
IT'S SOLID
ROCK!

THERE
IT IS!



PRINCE!
WE CAN'T FIND
ANY CAVE!

WHERE'S
THE
ENTRANCE
?



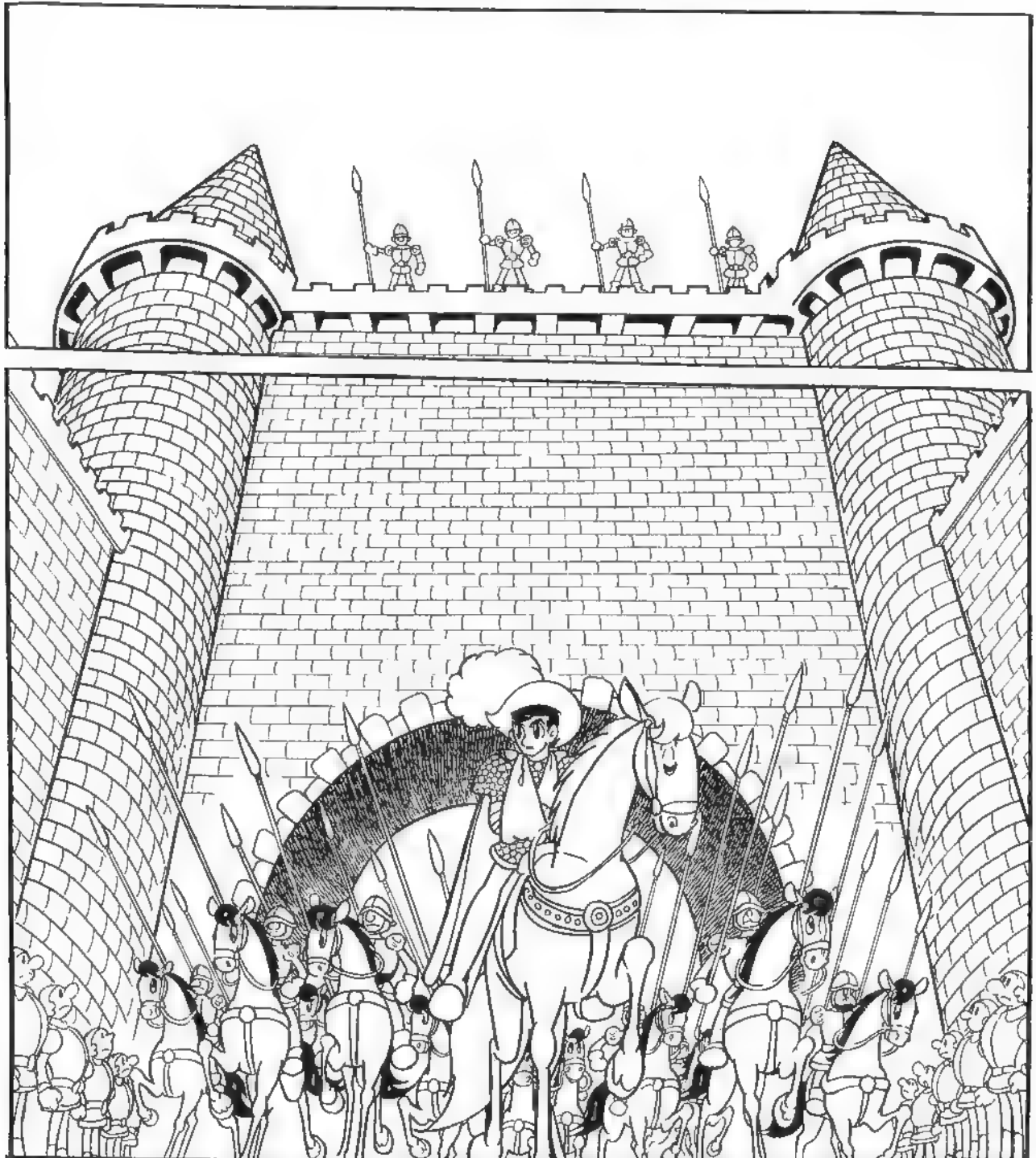
THE PRINCE IS CARRYING A SWAN. ISN'T THAT SAPPHIRE?

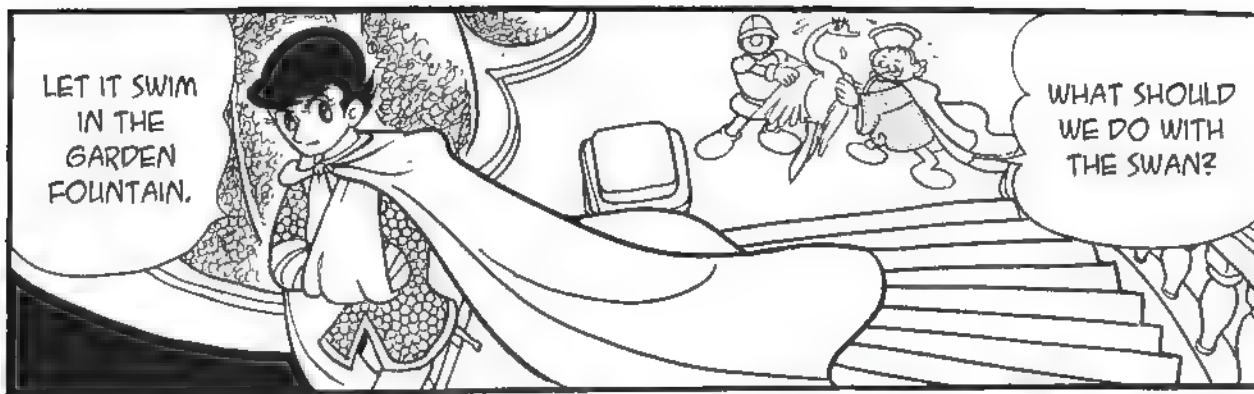


Chapter 13

Grieving Swan

GOLDLAND





LET IT SWIM
IN THE
GARDEN
FOUNTAIN.

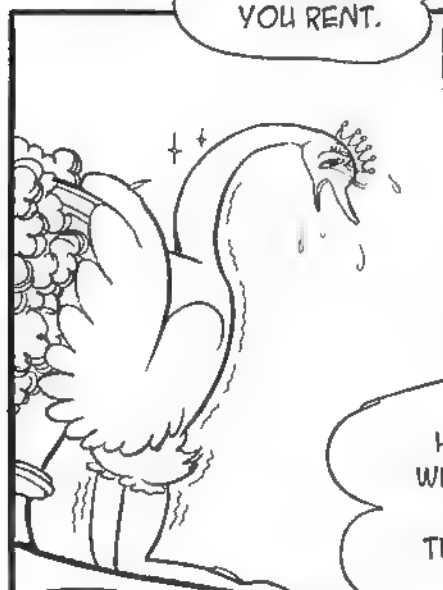
WHAT SHOULD
WE DO WITH
THE SWAN?



THIS IS
YOUR NEW
HOME!
GET COZY.



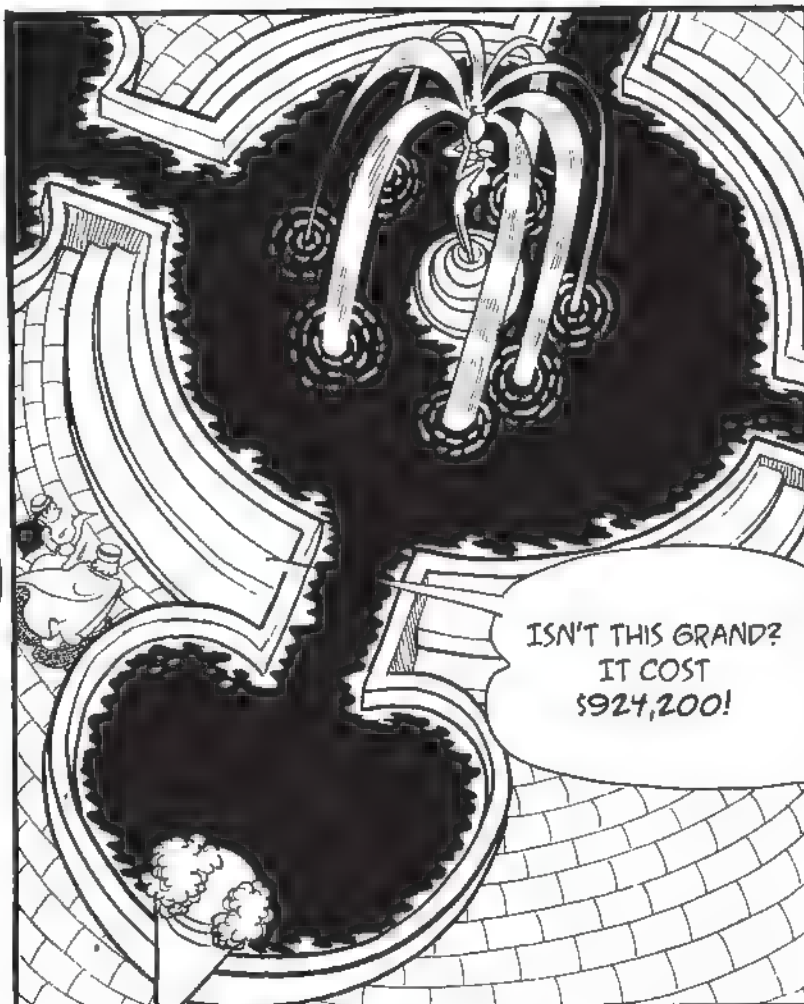
DON'T BE SHY.
WE WON'T
CHARGE
YOU RENT.



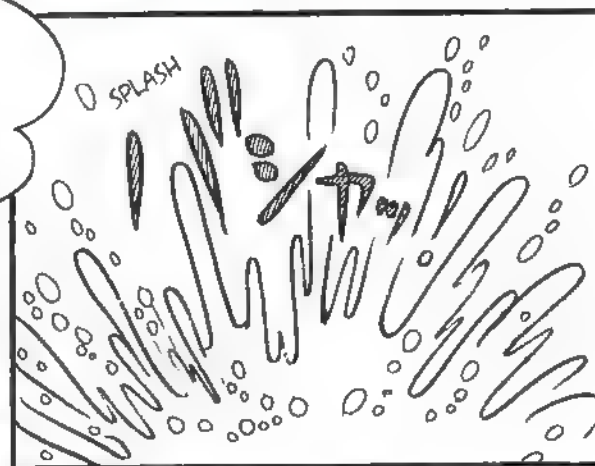
HEY HEY HEY!
WHY'D YOU PUSH
ME INTO
THE FOUNTAIN?



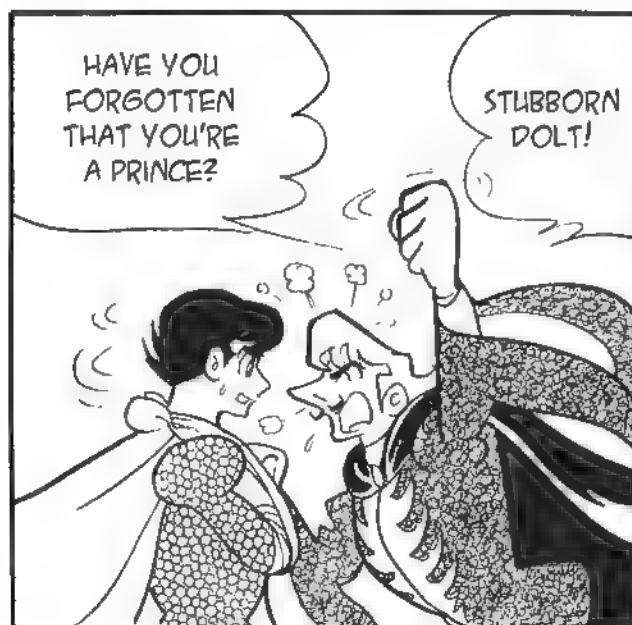
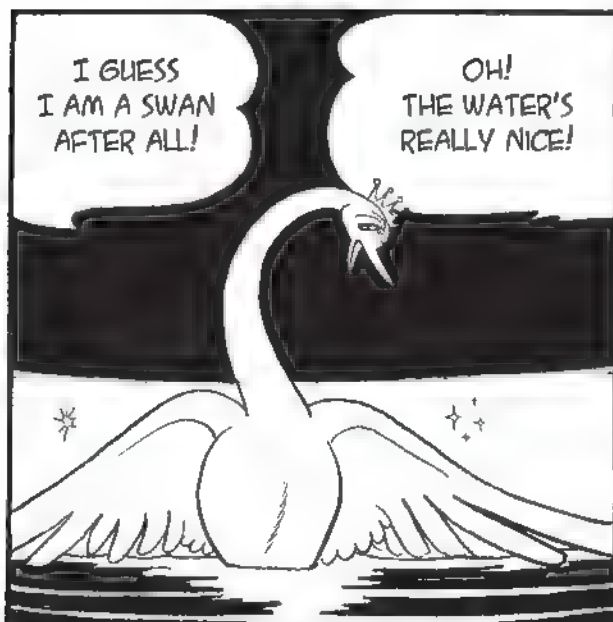
YOU'RE
MORE OF
A PUSH-
OVER.

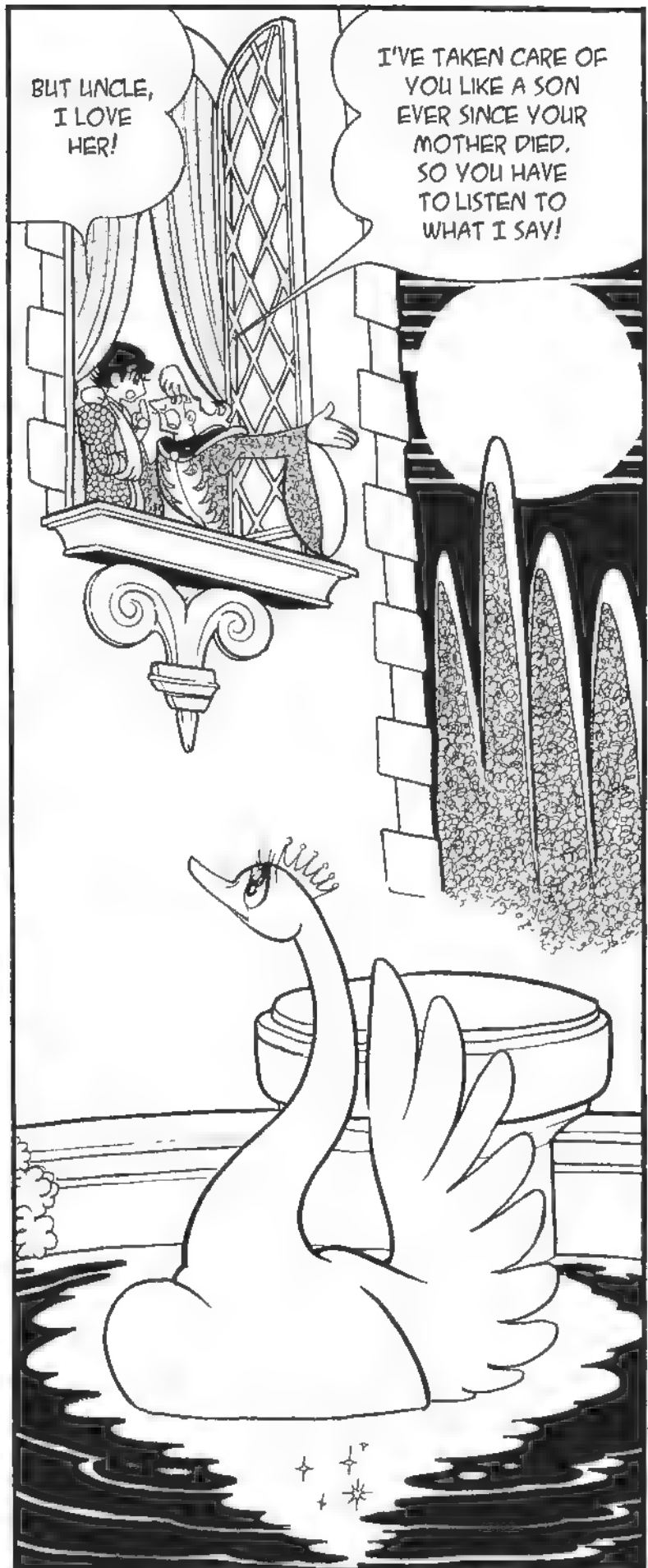
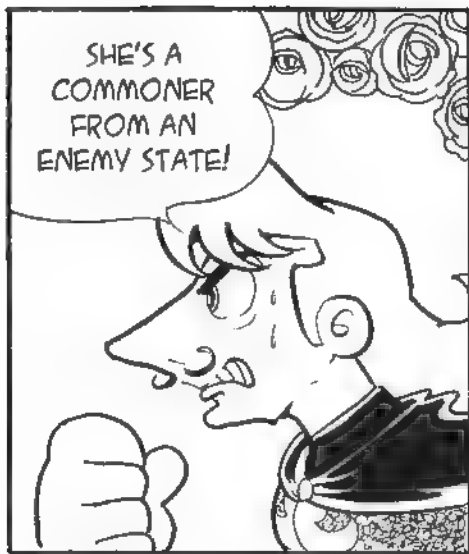


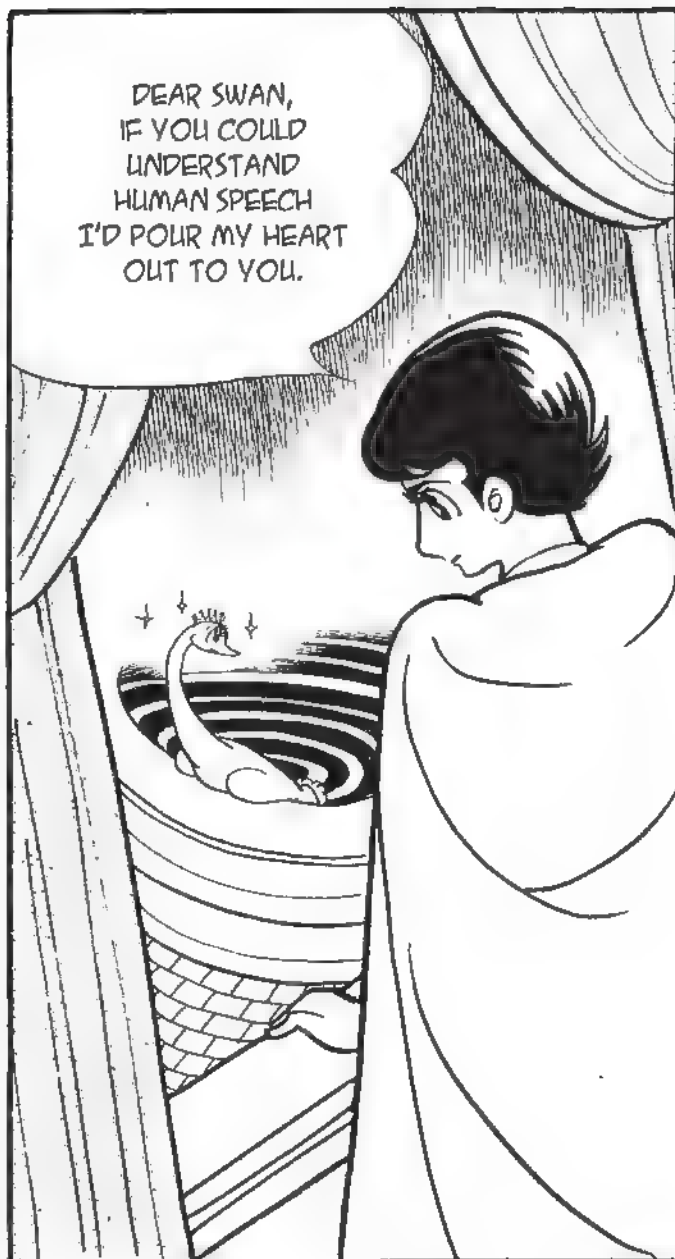
ISN'T THIS GRAND?
IT COST
\$924,200!

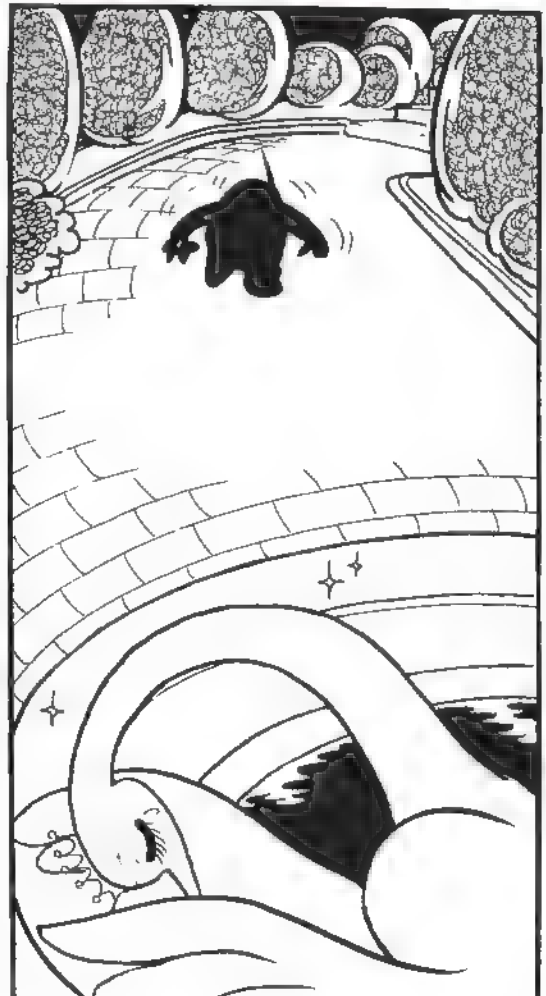
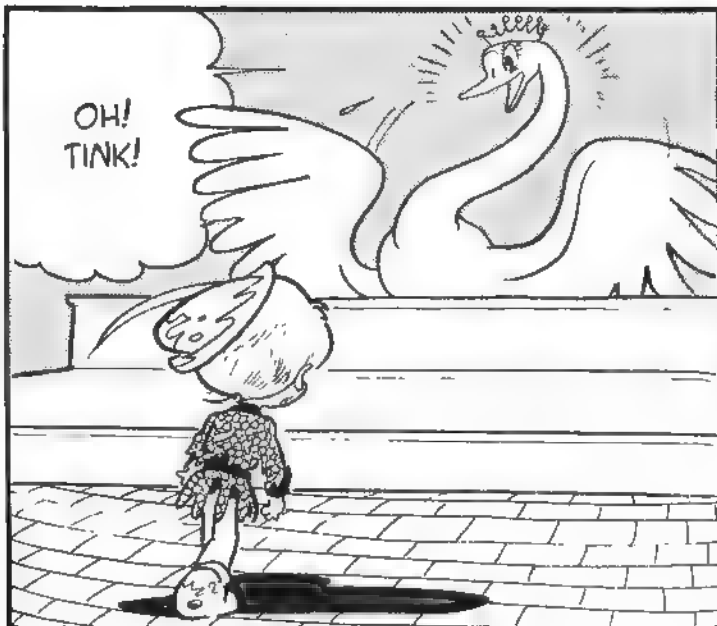
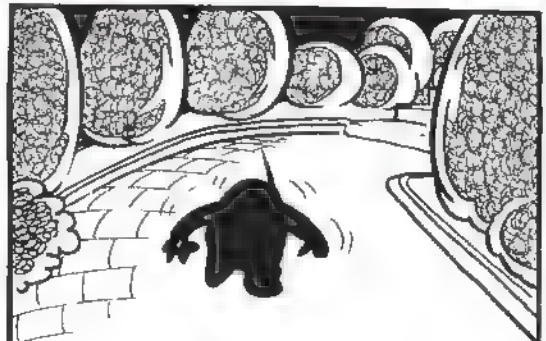
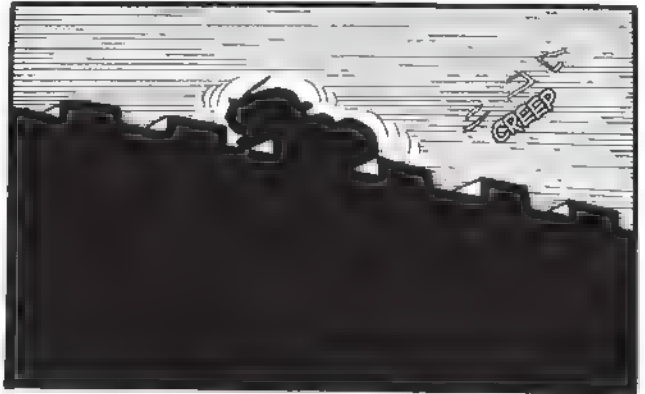


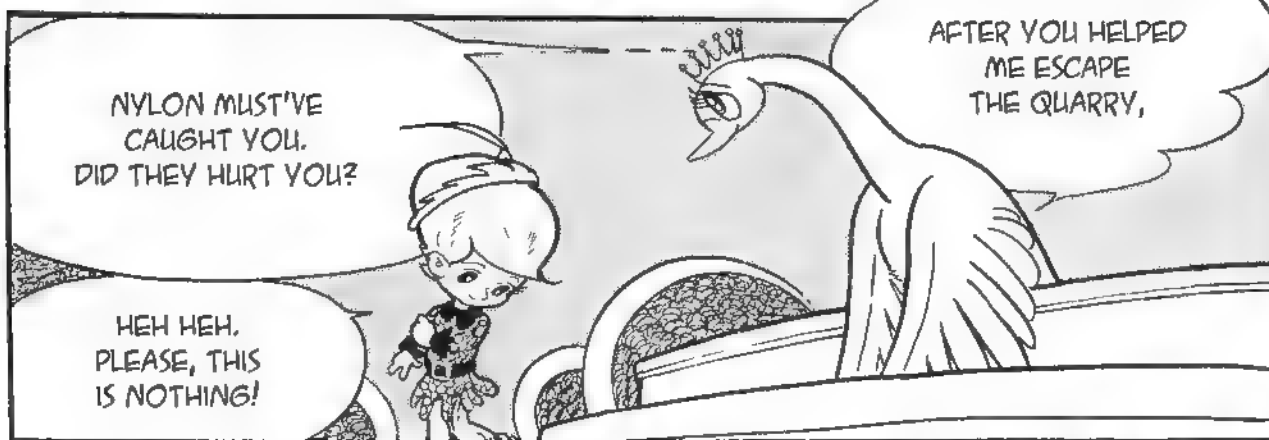
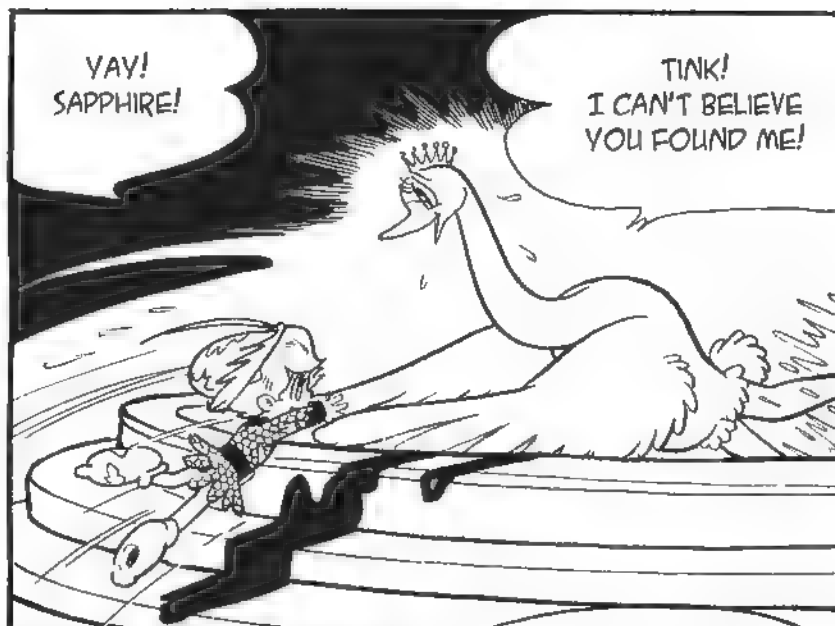
SPLASH



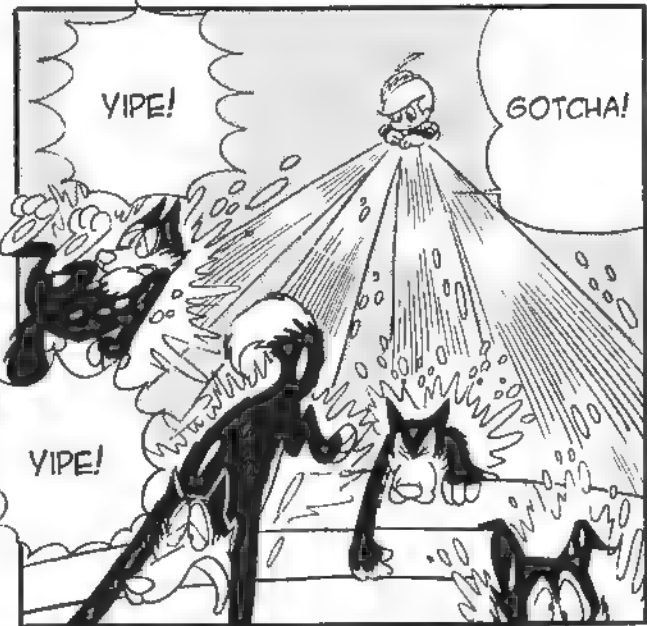
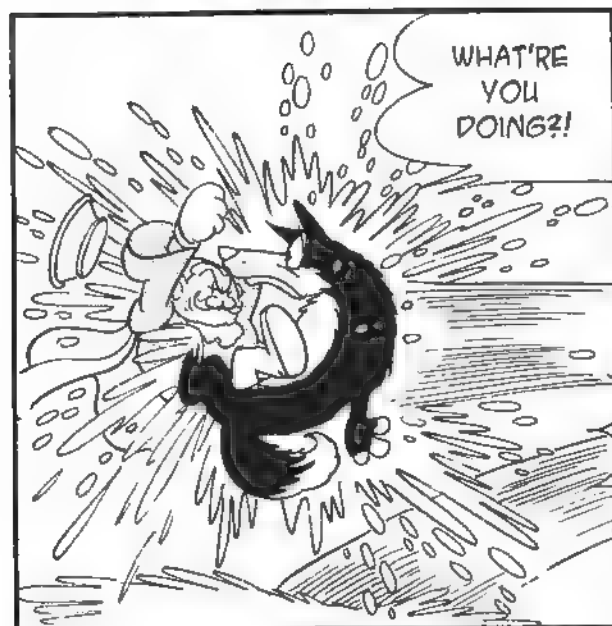
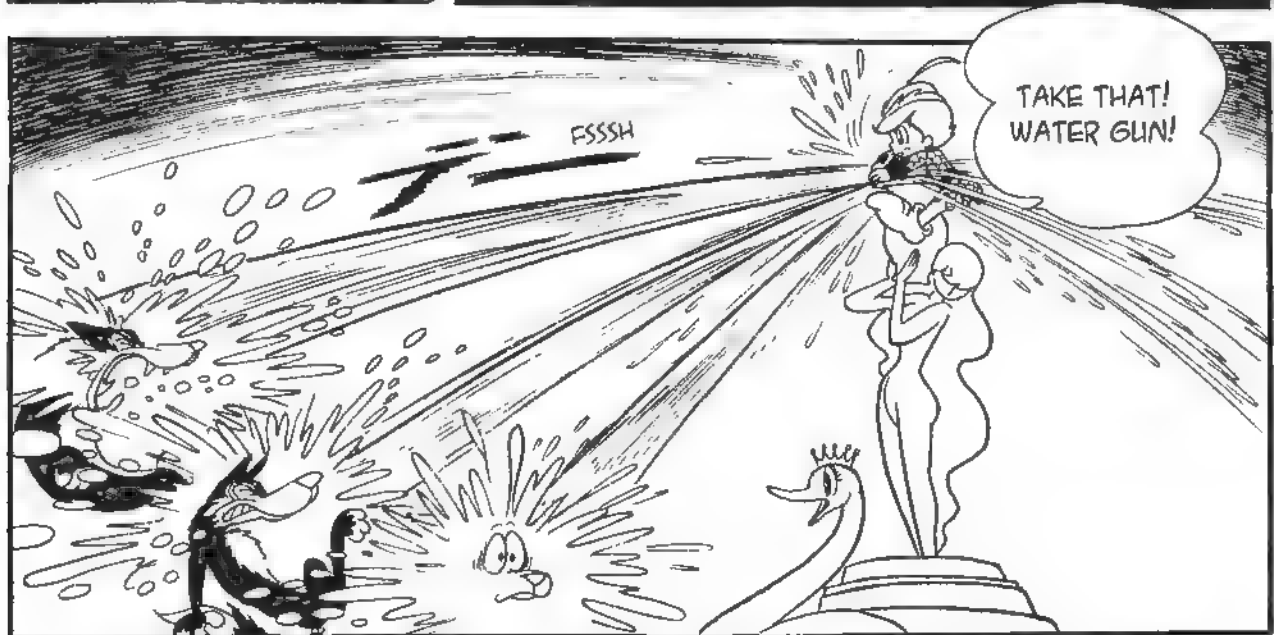
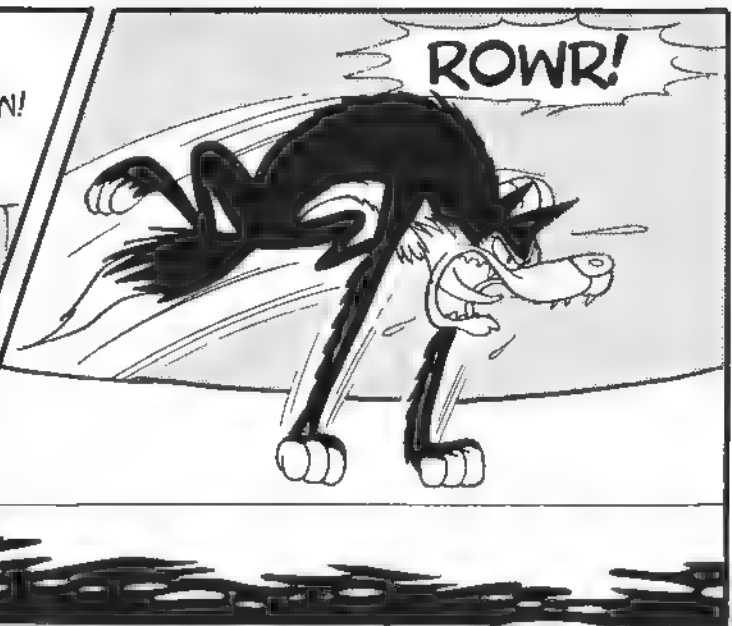
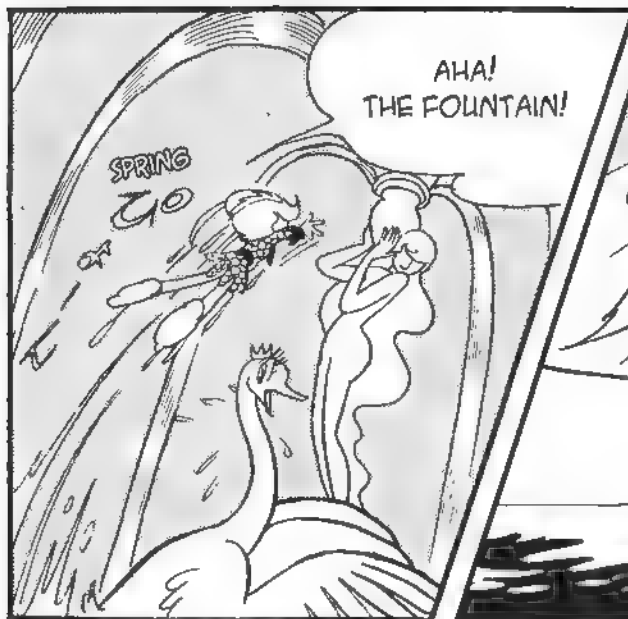


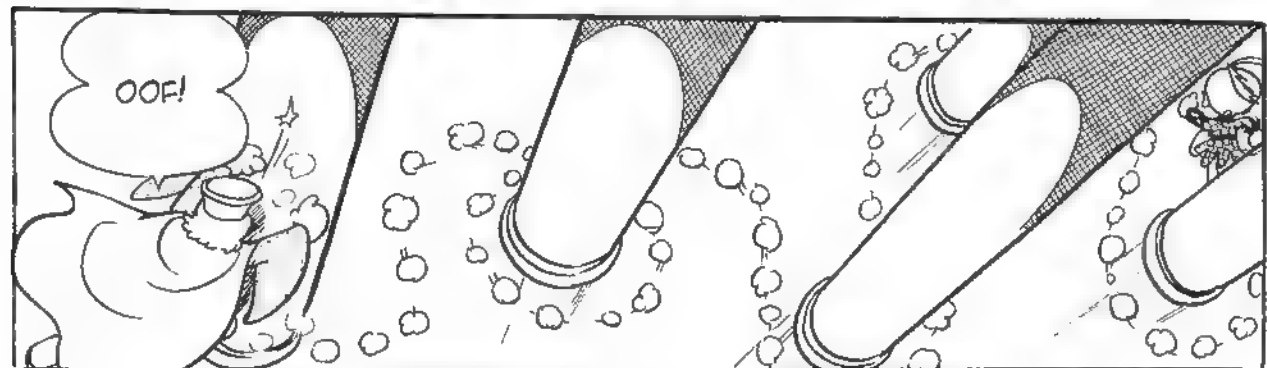
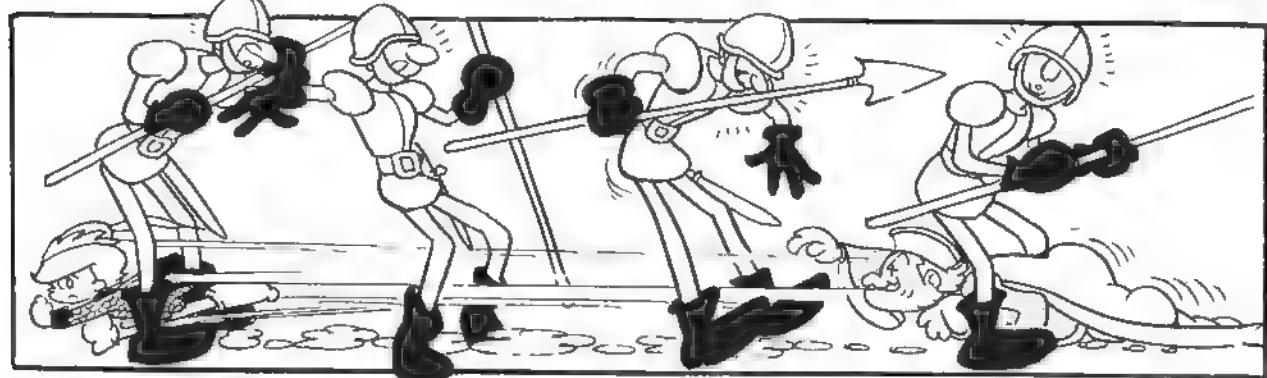
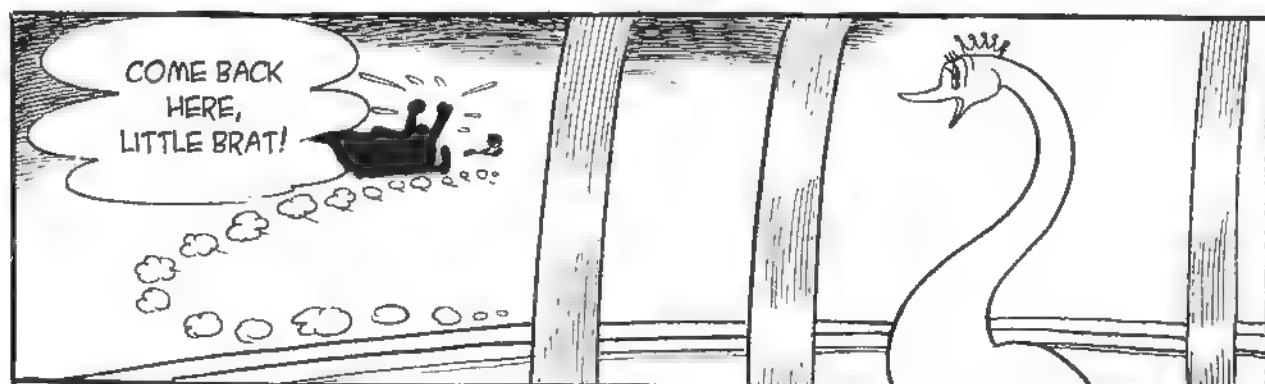
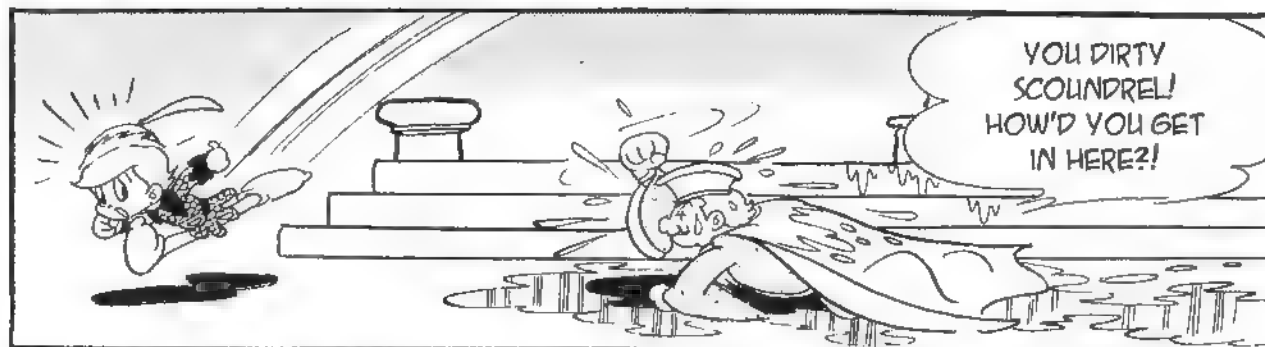
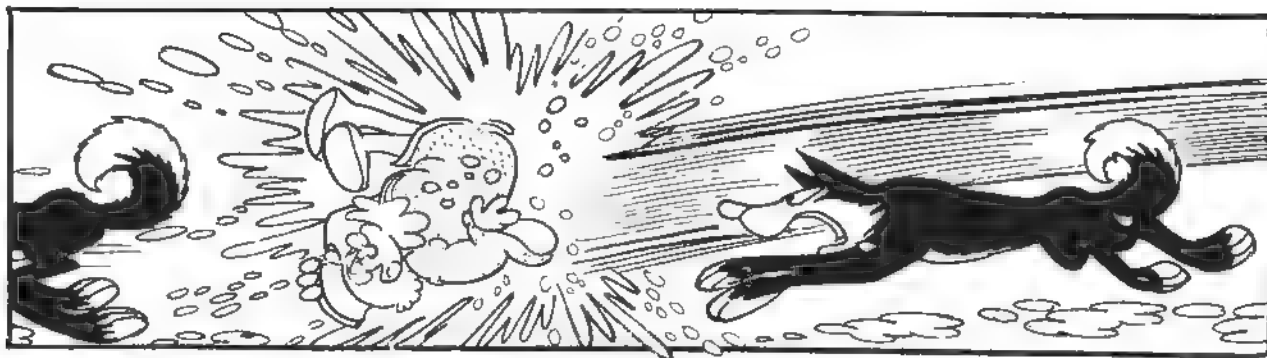


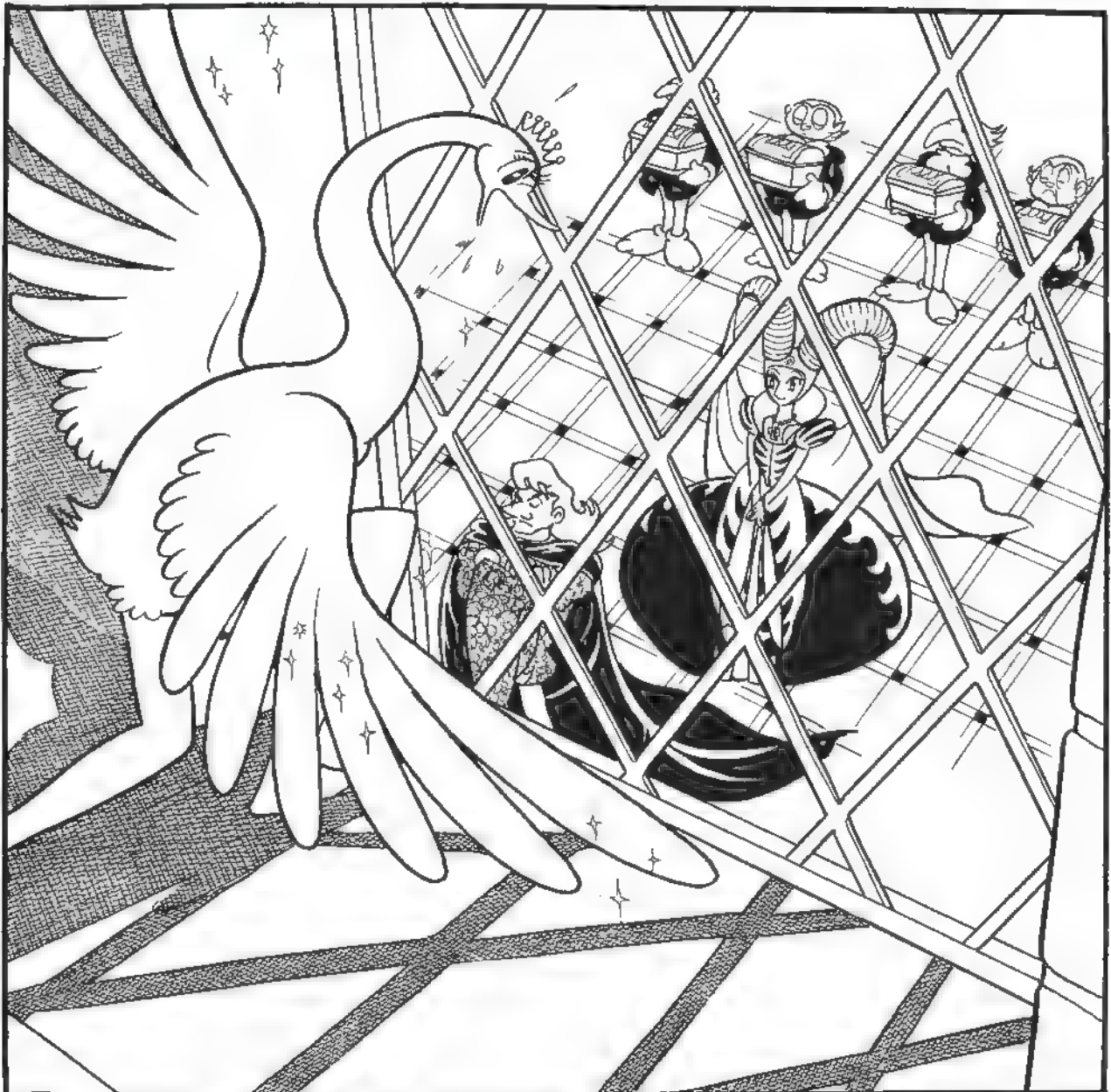
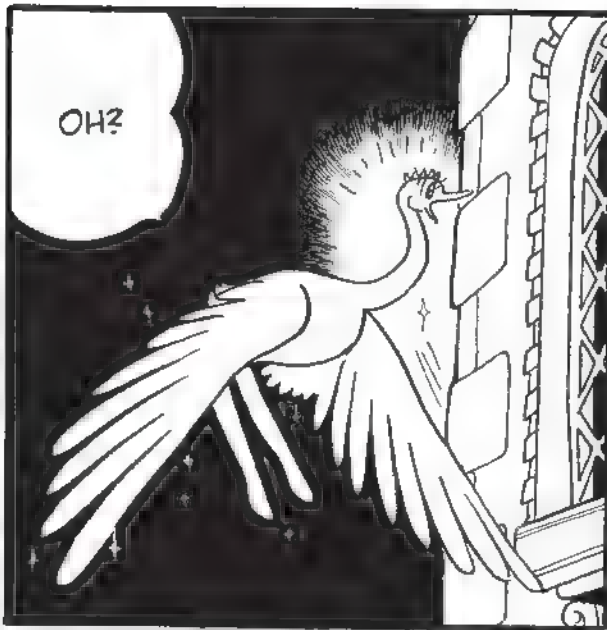


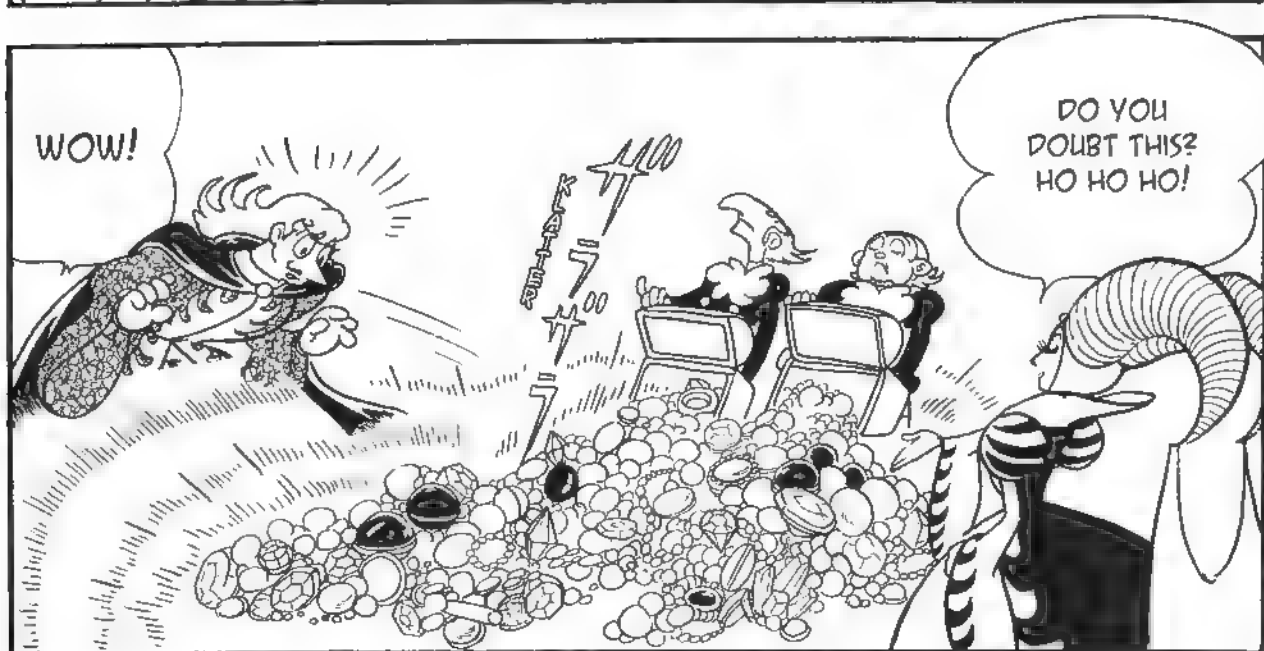


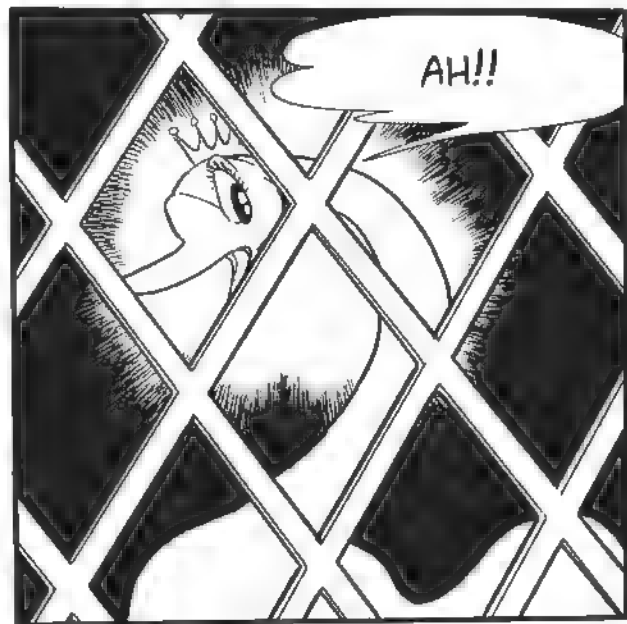
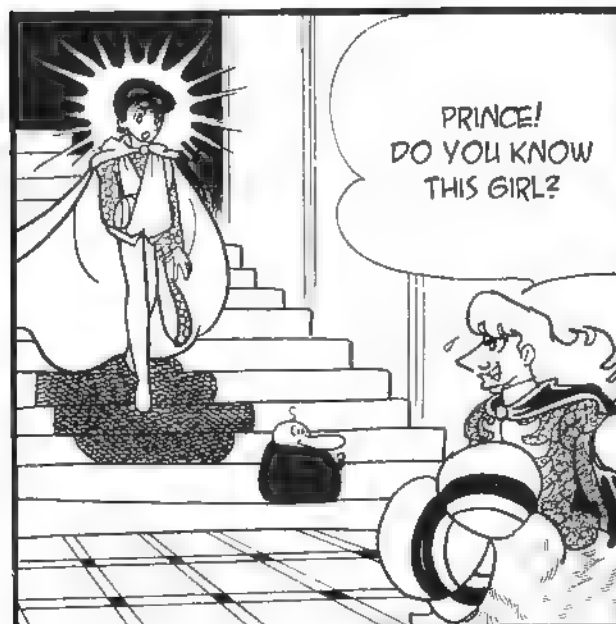
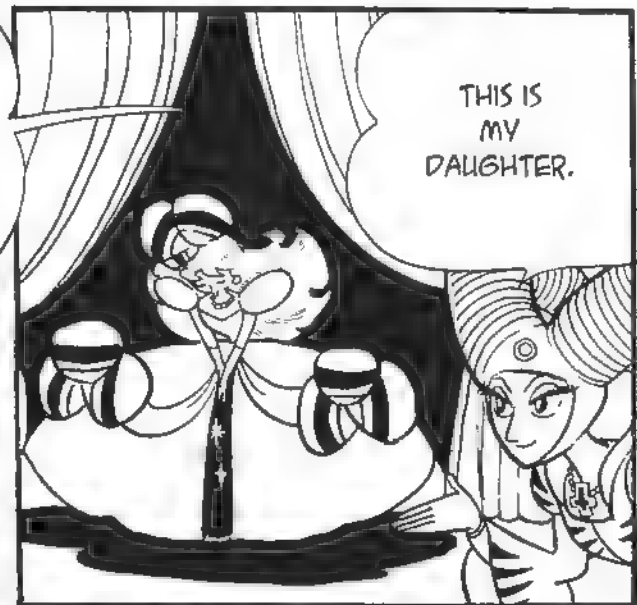
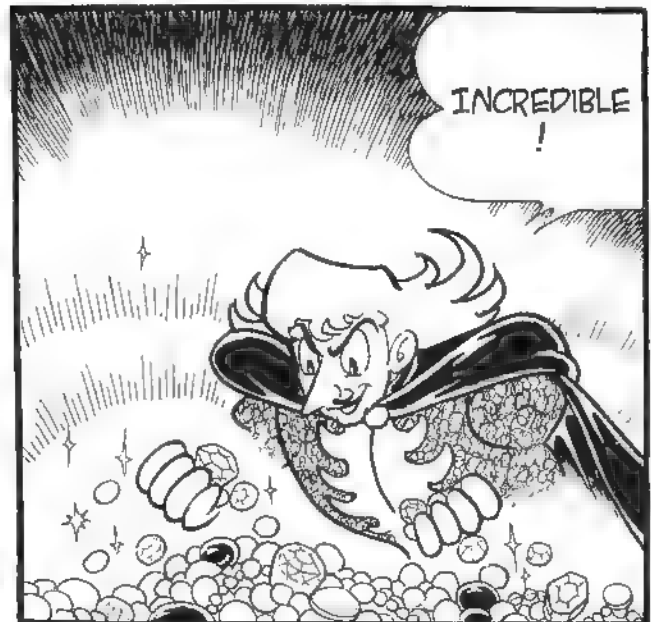
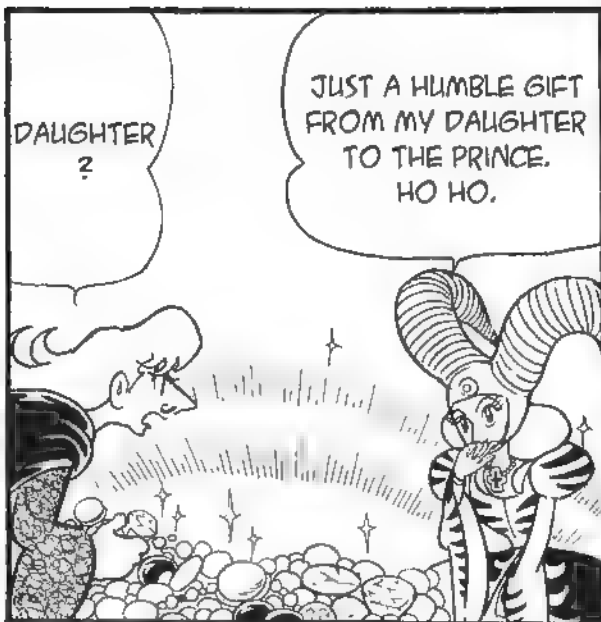


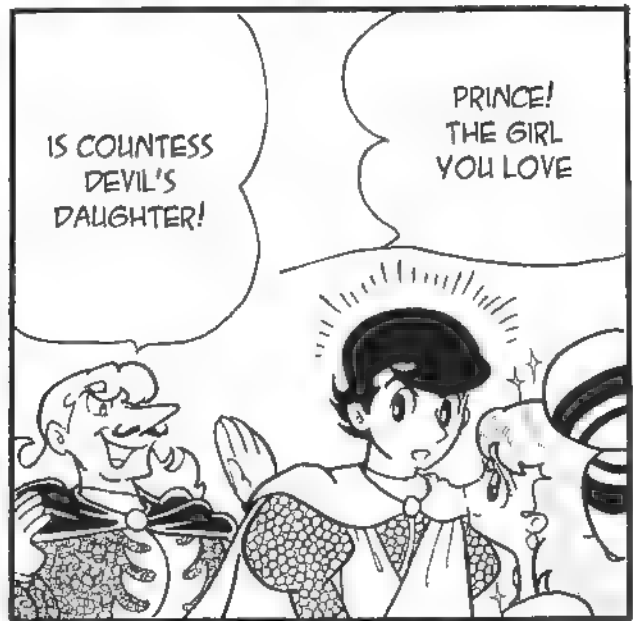
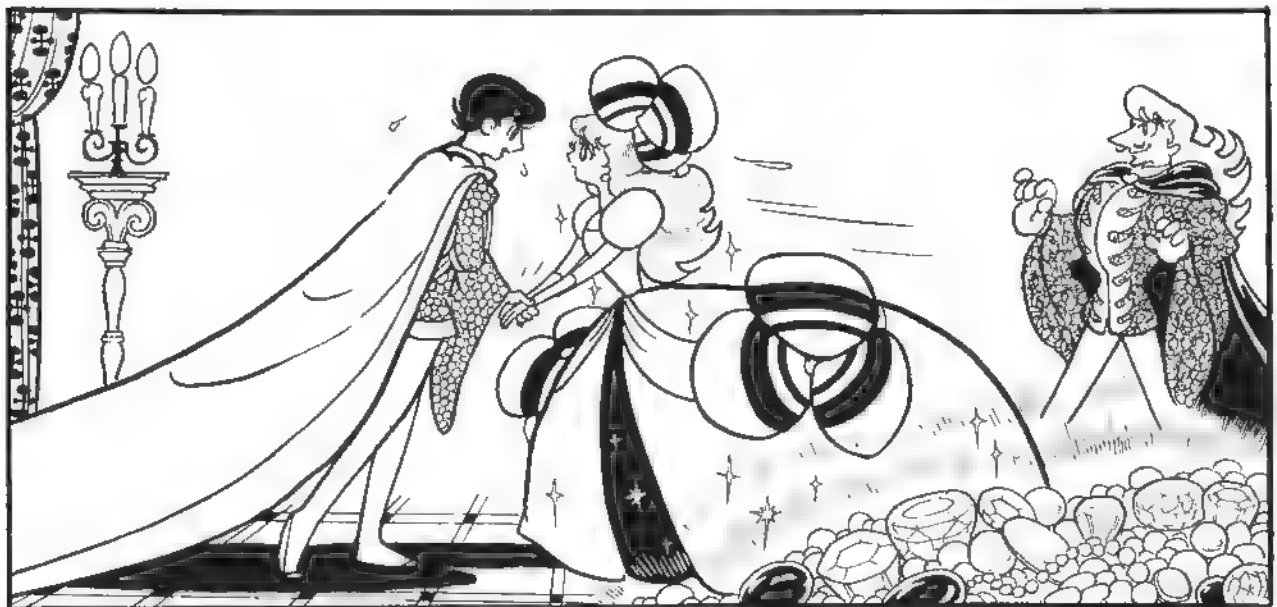
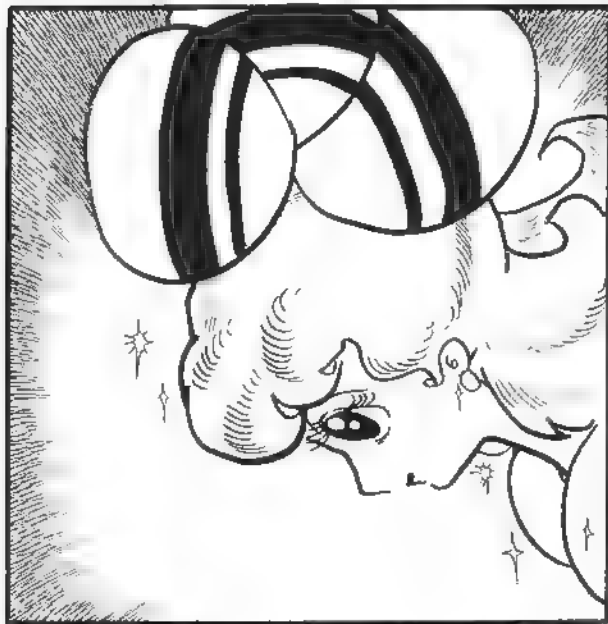










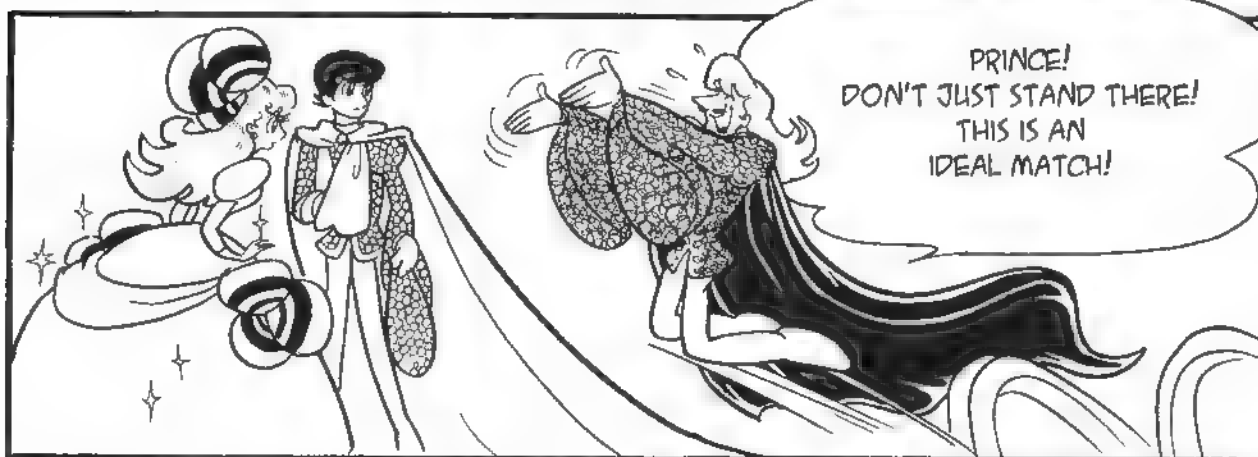




R-R-R-
REALLY?

300 MILLION?!

IF HE ACCEPTS HER HAND,
I'LL GIVE YOU ALL
MY TREASURE AS A DOWRY.
A HAUL WORTH OVER
300 MILLION DOLLARS.



PRINCE!
DON'T JUST STAND THERE!
THIS IS AN
IDEAL MATCH!



YOU'RE JUST
BLINDED BY
THE SPARKLE
FROM THE
GEMS!

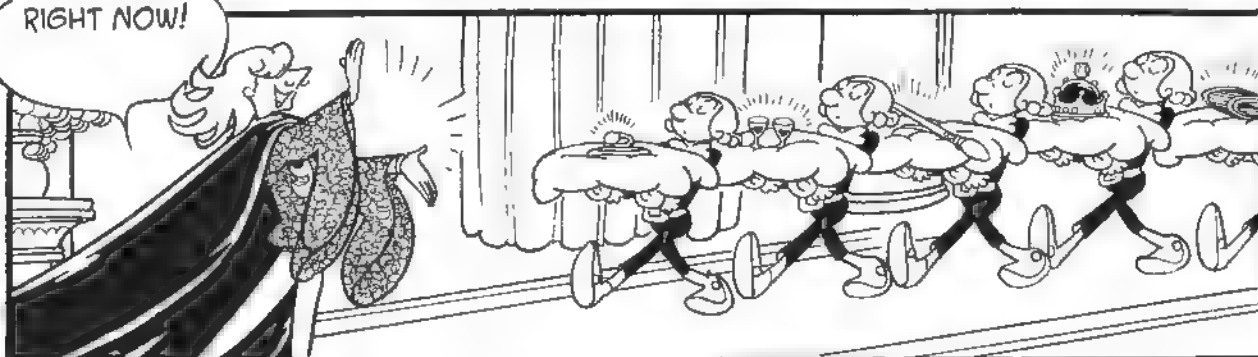
SHE
SEEMS LIKE
SOMEONE
ELSE.

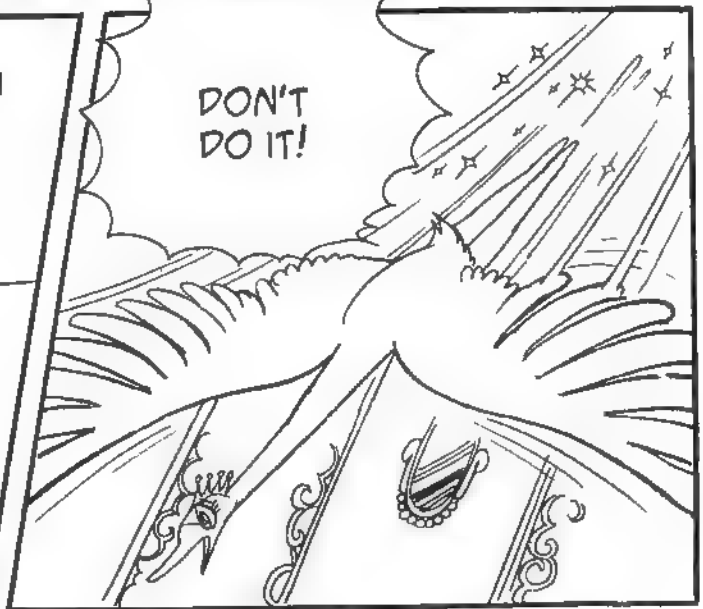
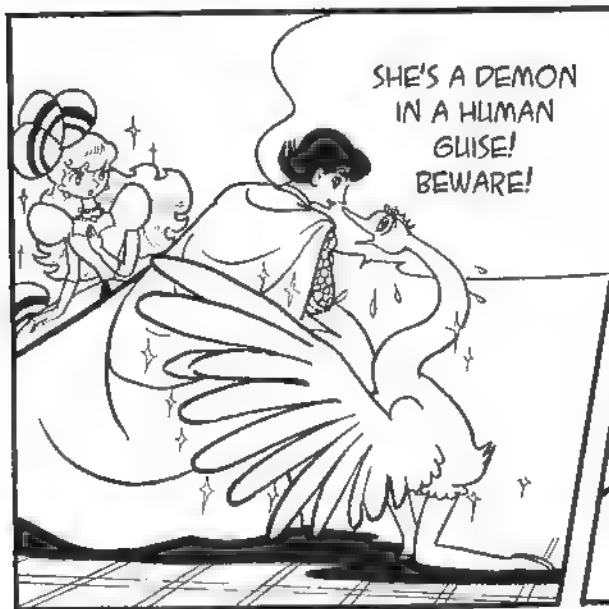
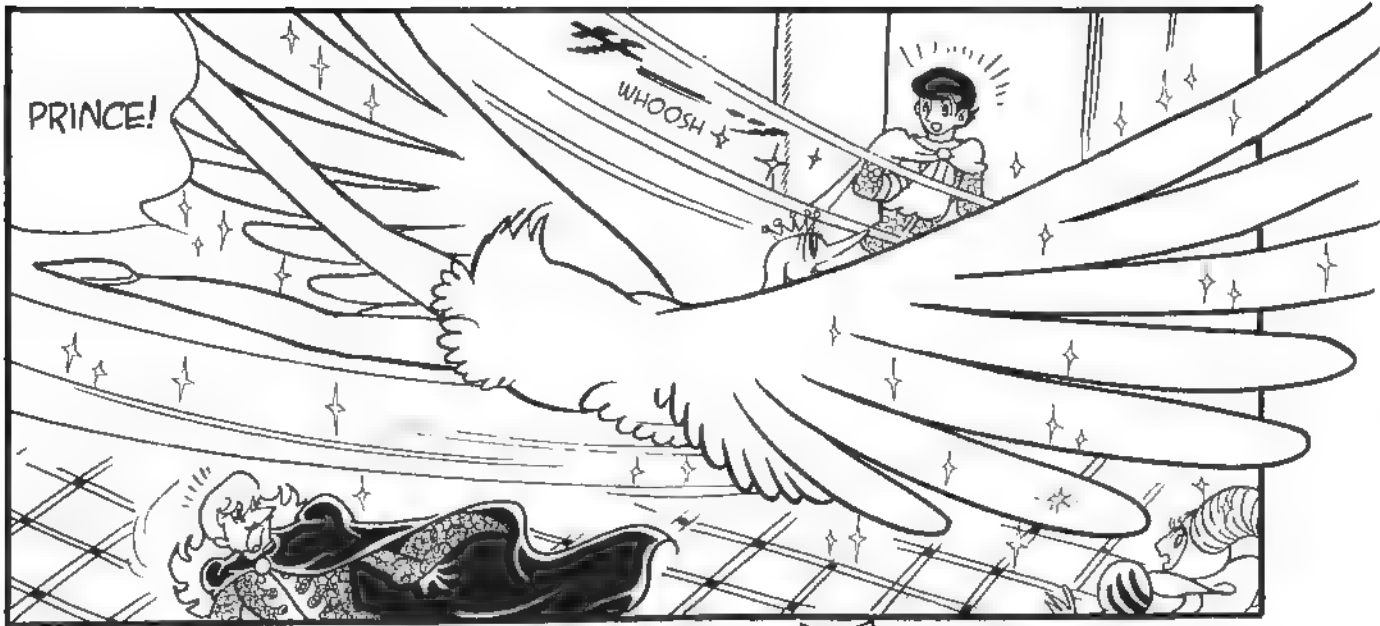
LET'S GET
YOU TWO
ENGAGED
RIGHT NOW!

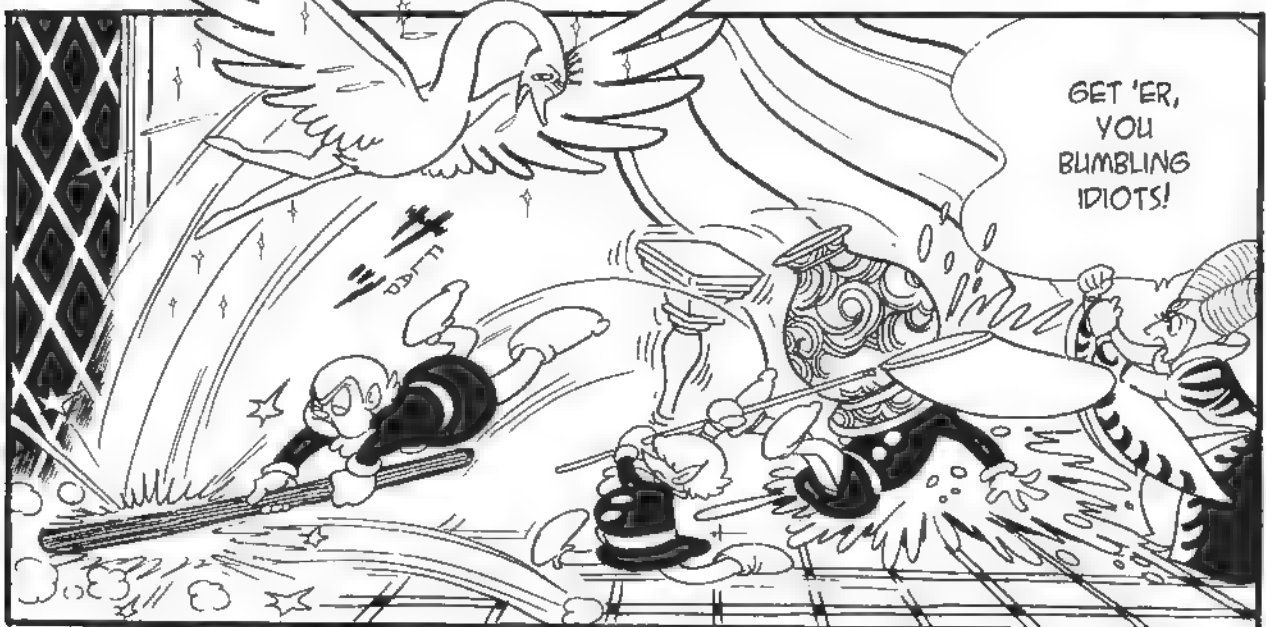
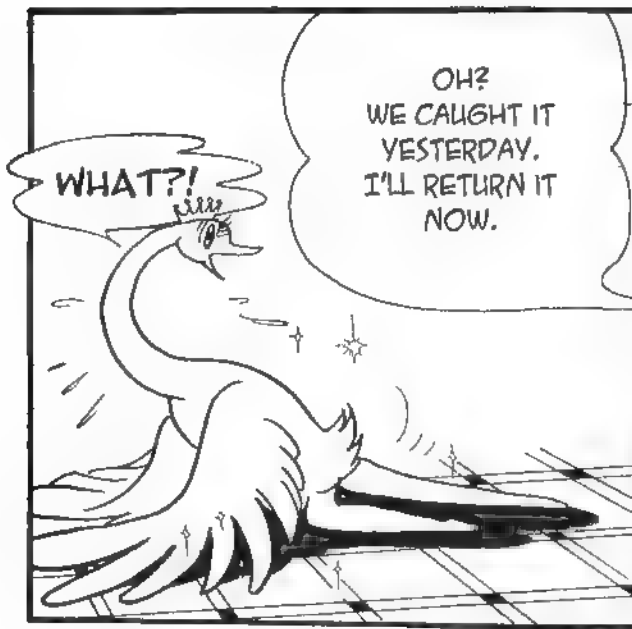


SHE IS
DEFINITELY
THE FLAXEN-
HAired GIRL,
BUT...

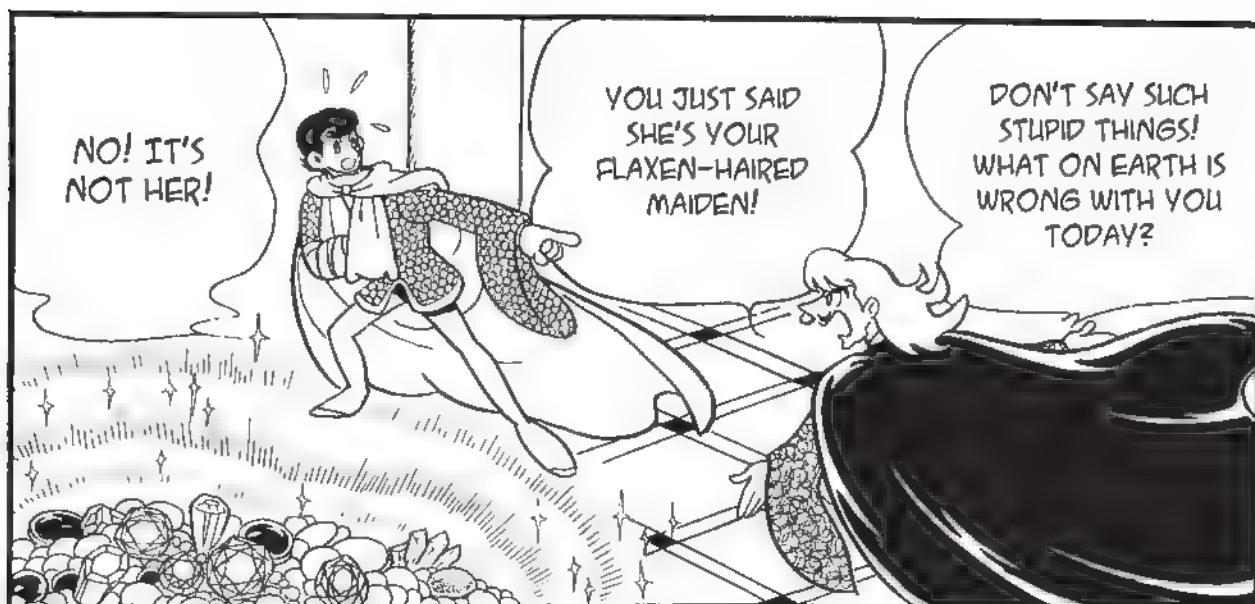
SOMETHING
IS STRANGE.

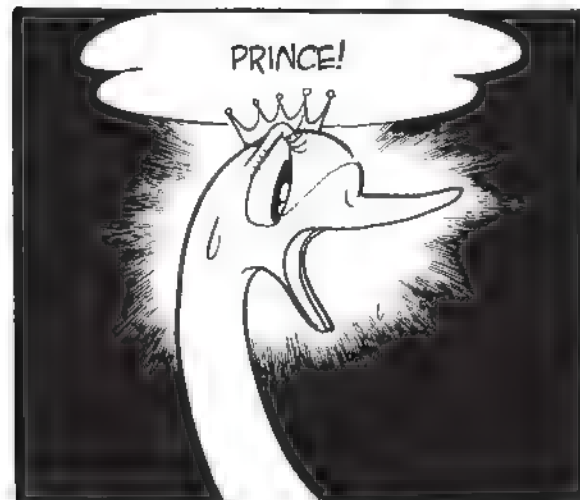
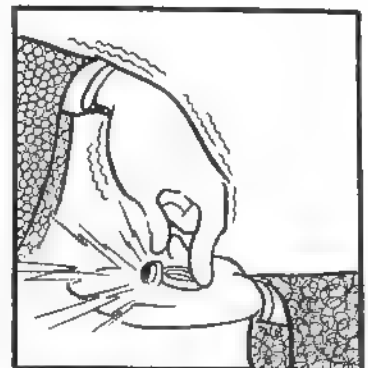
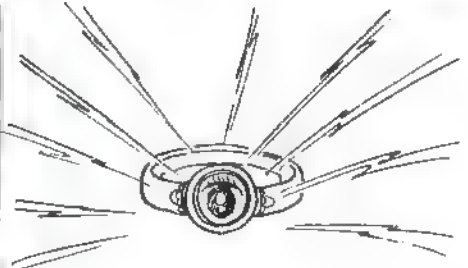
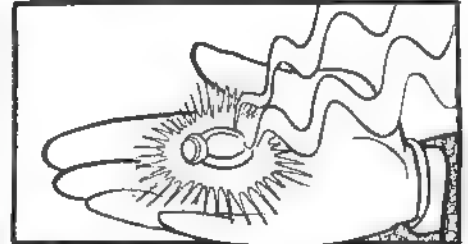
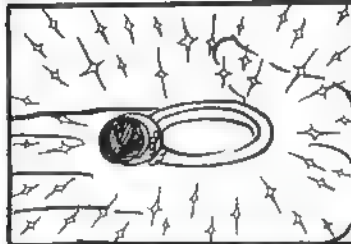
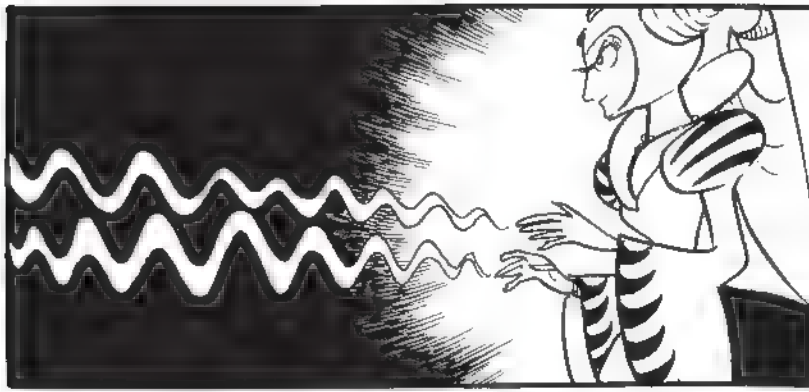


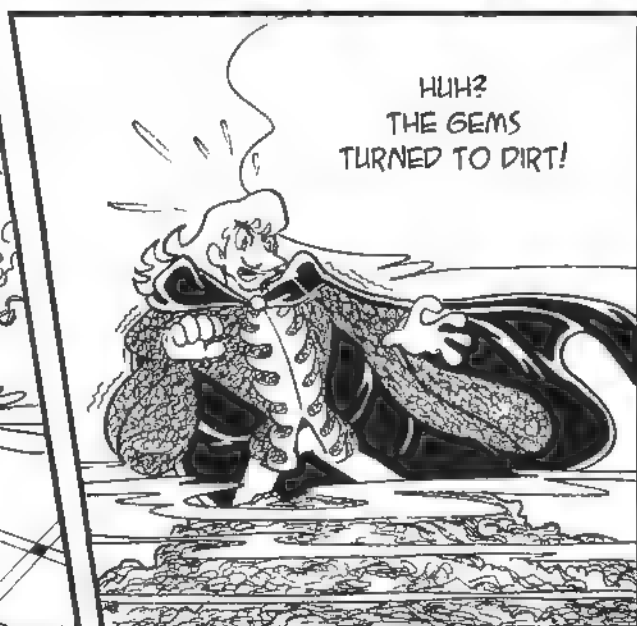
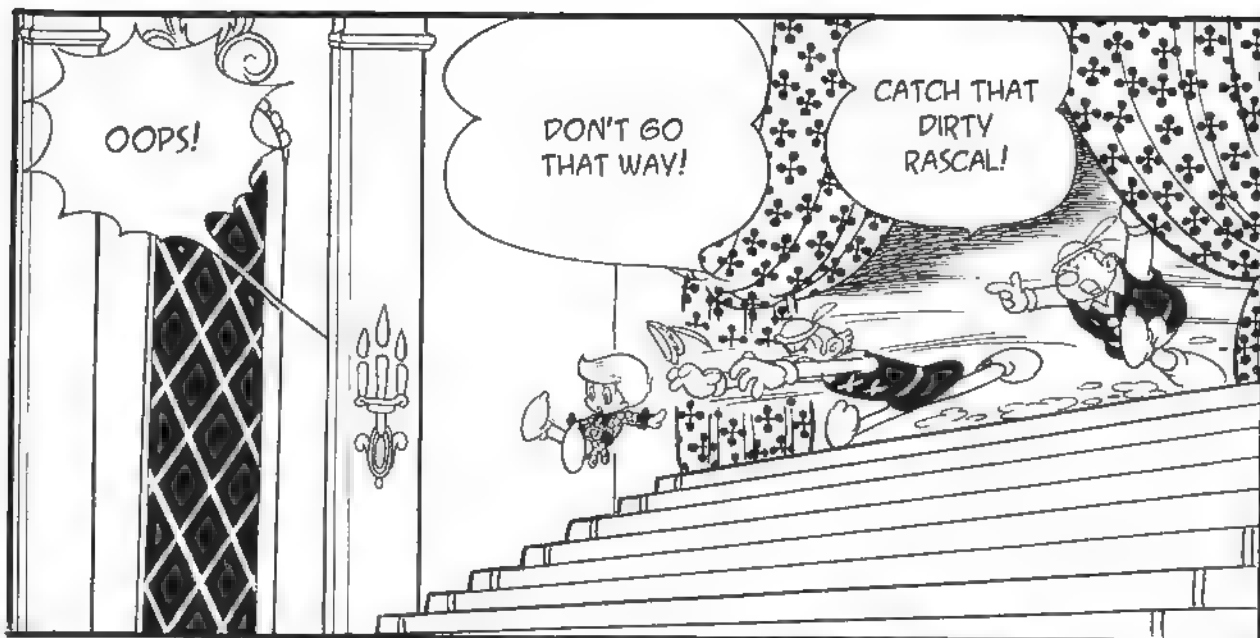




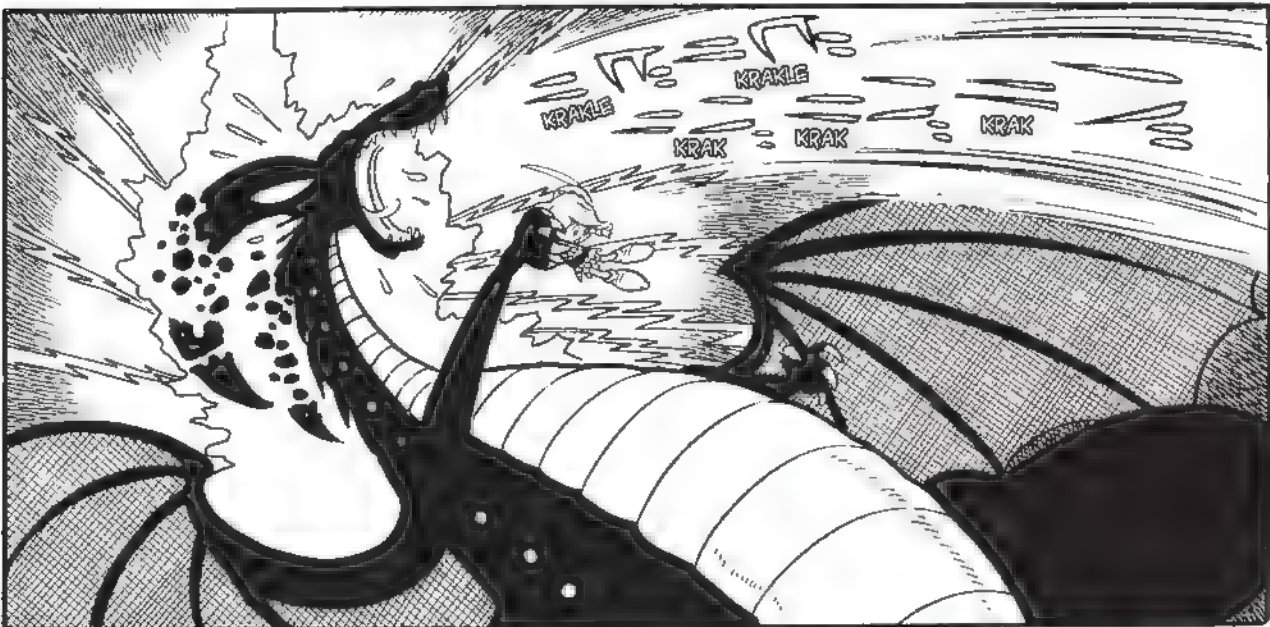
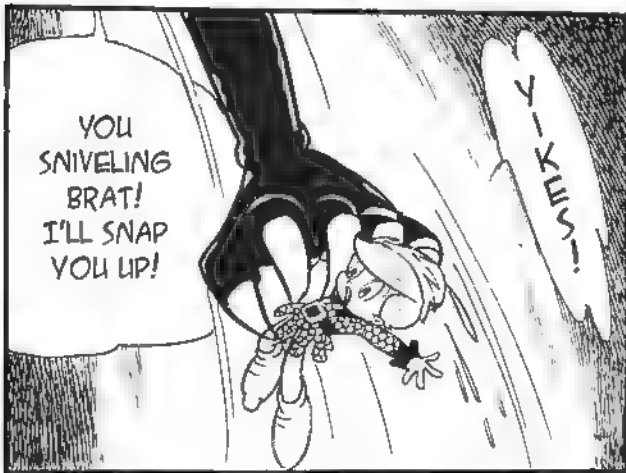


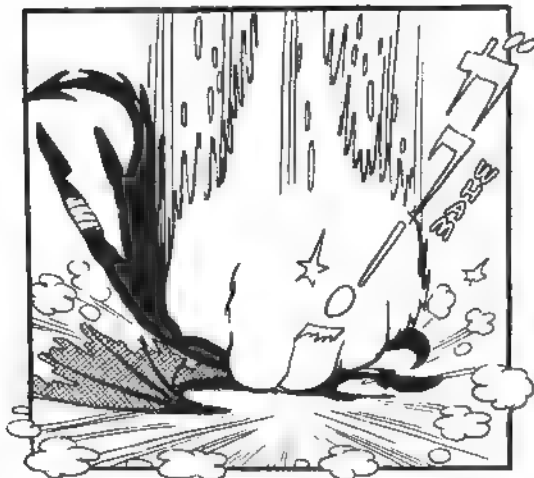
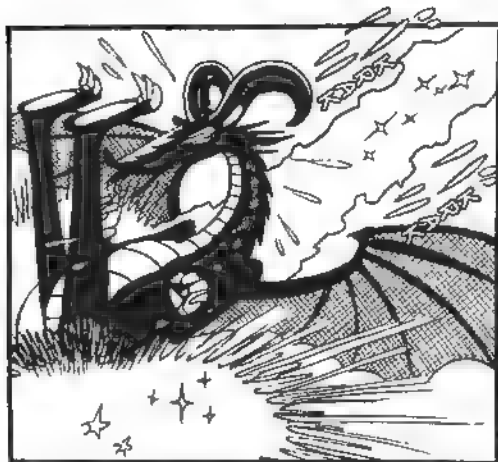
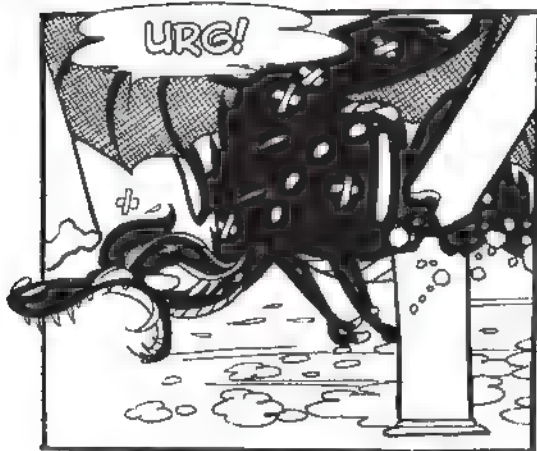


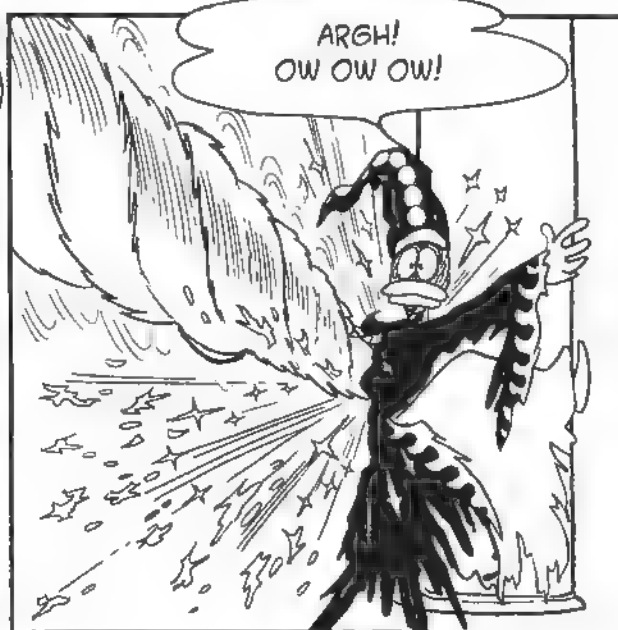


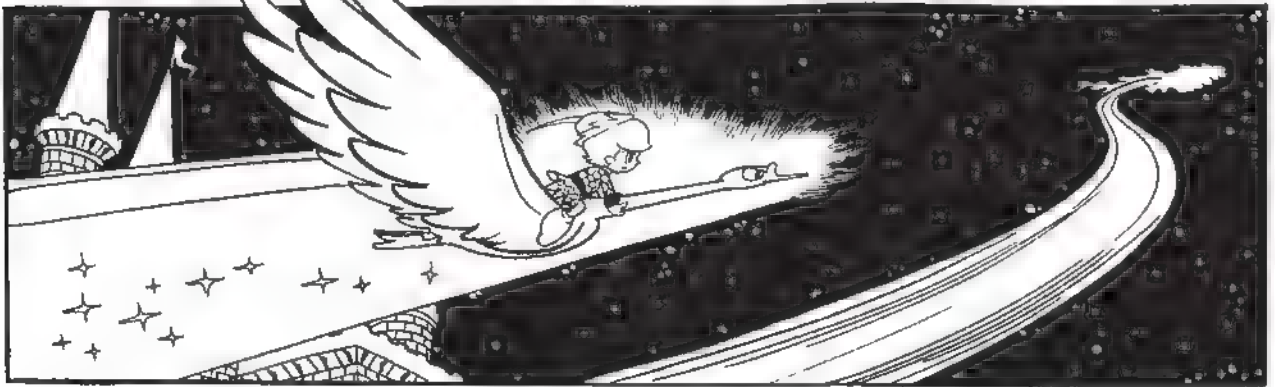


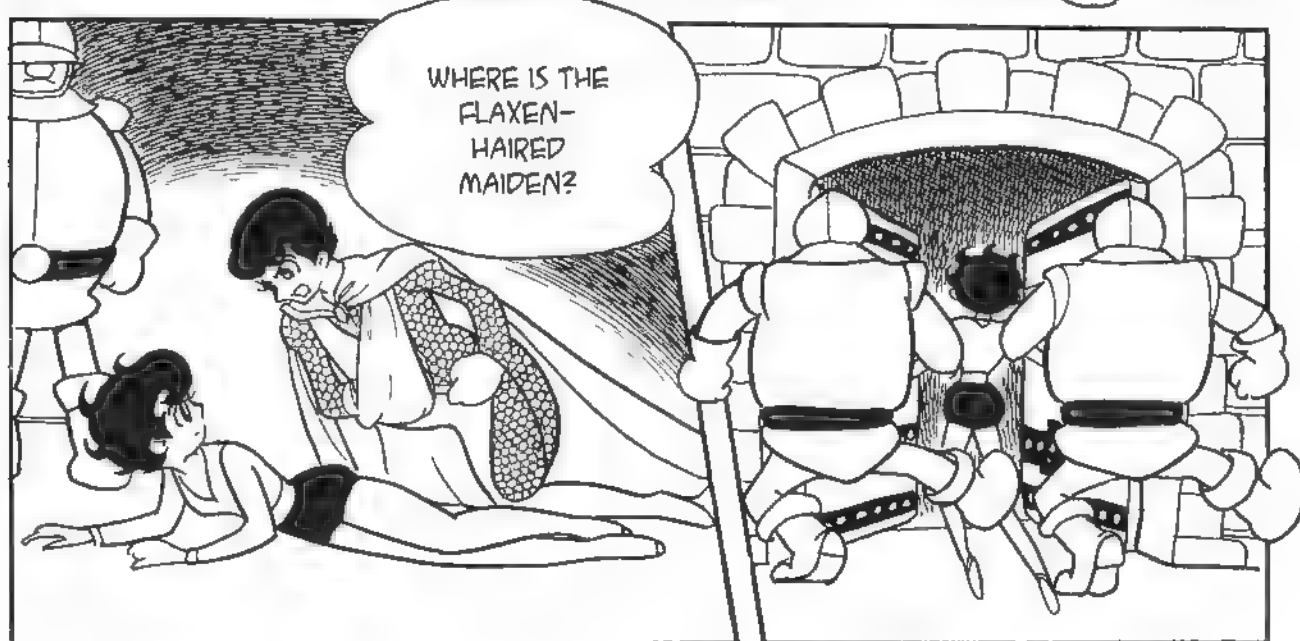
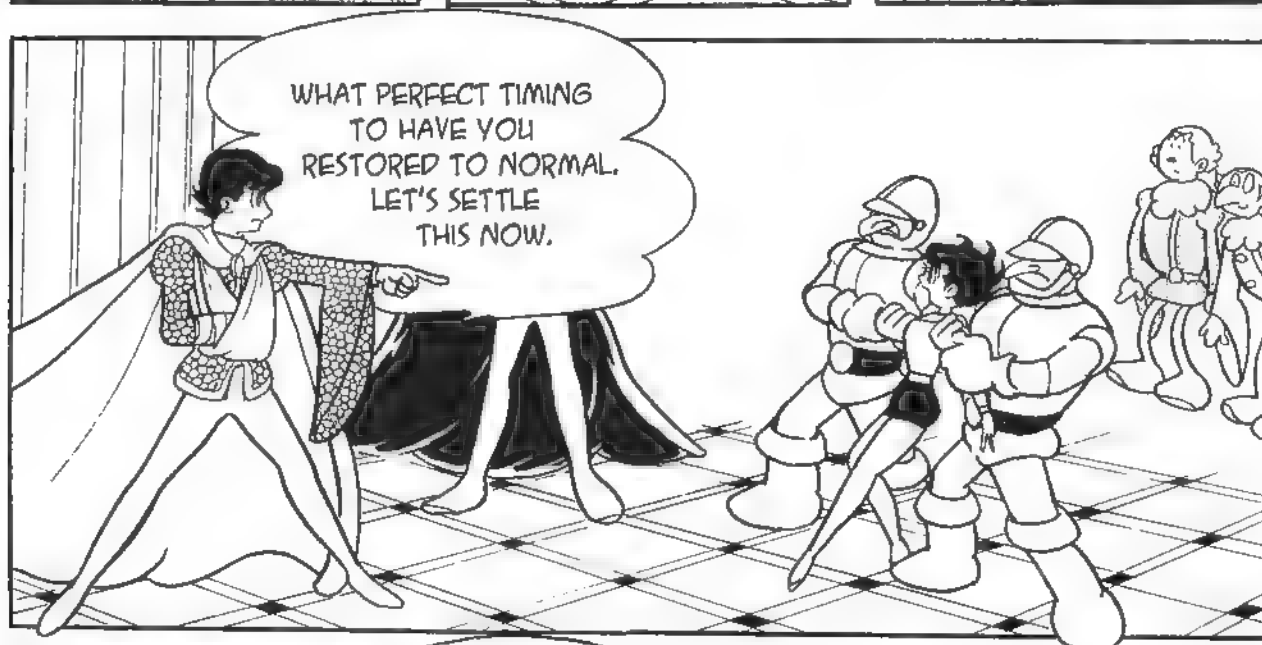
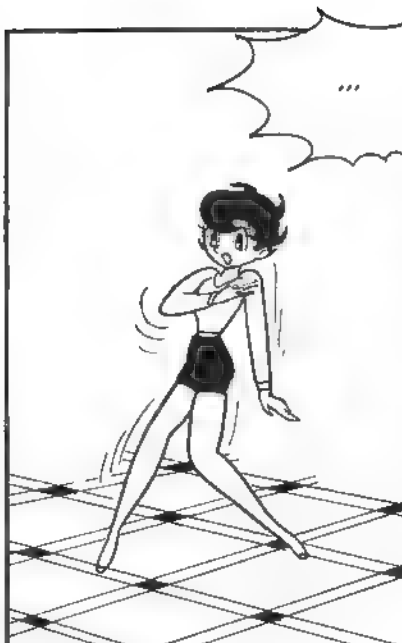


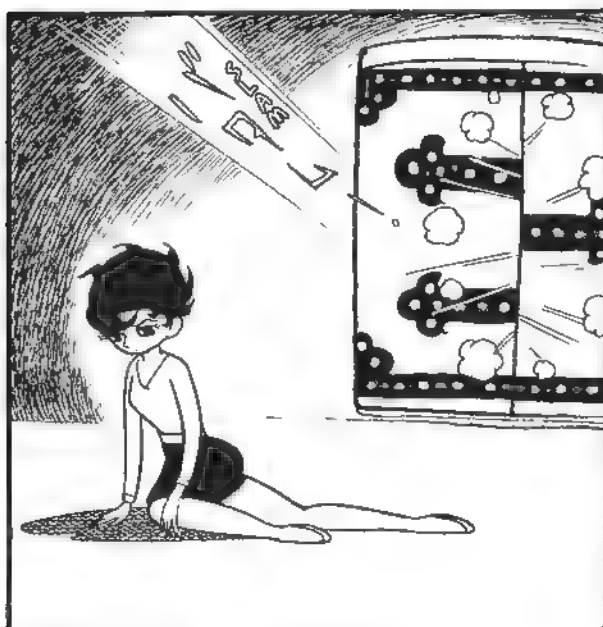


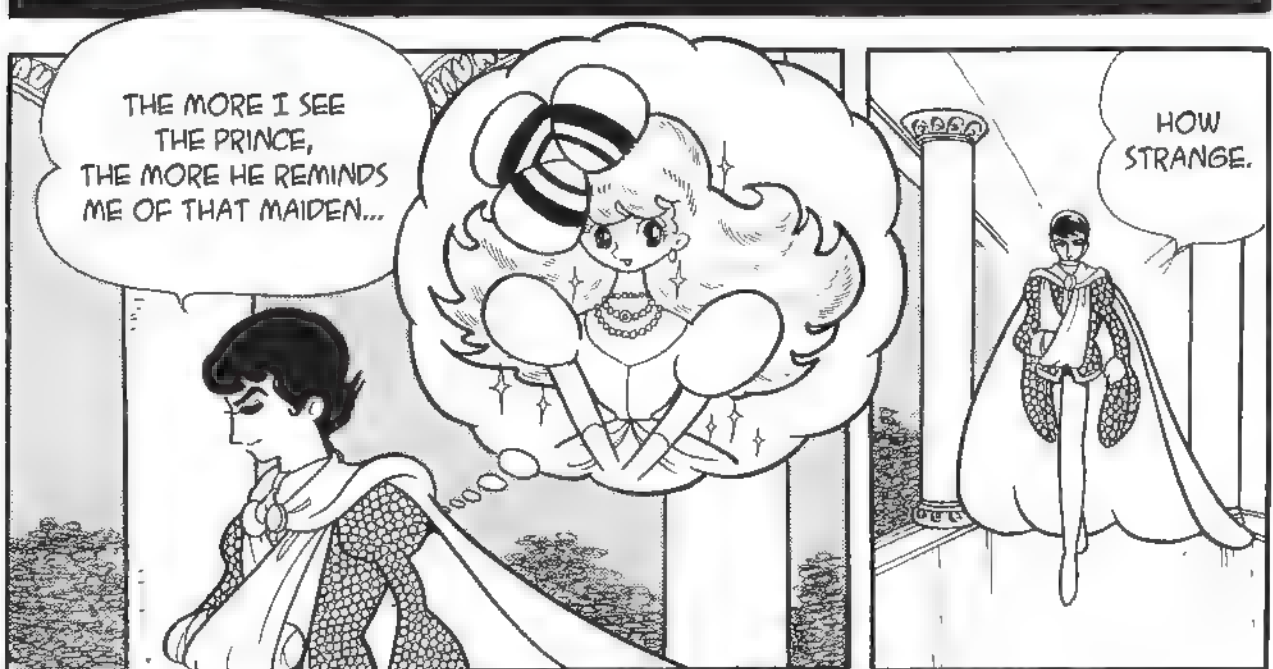


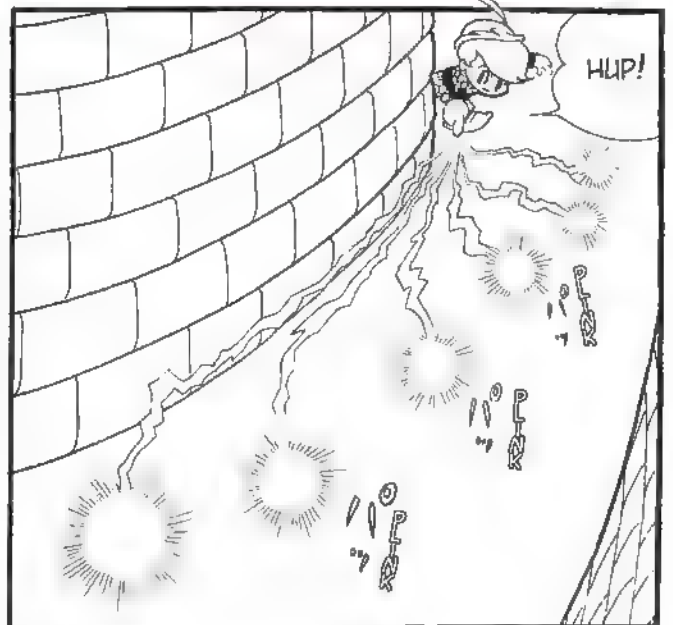
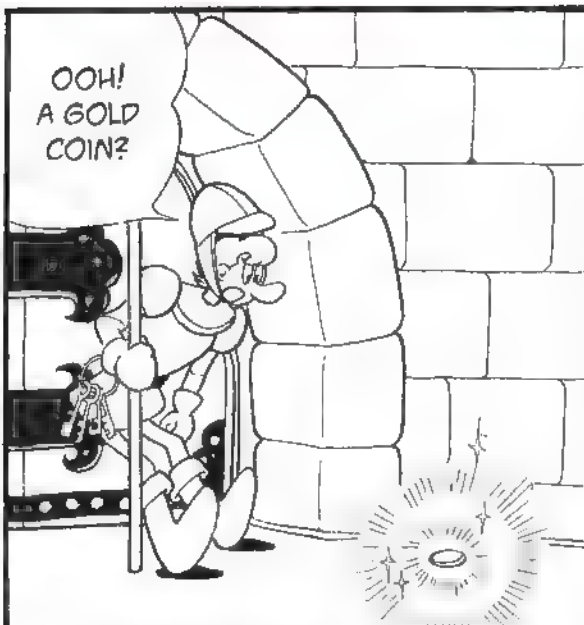
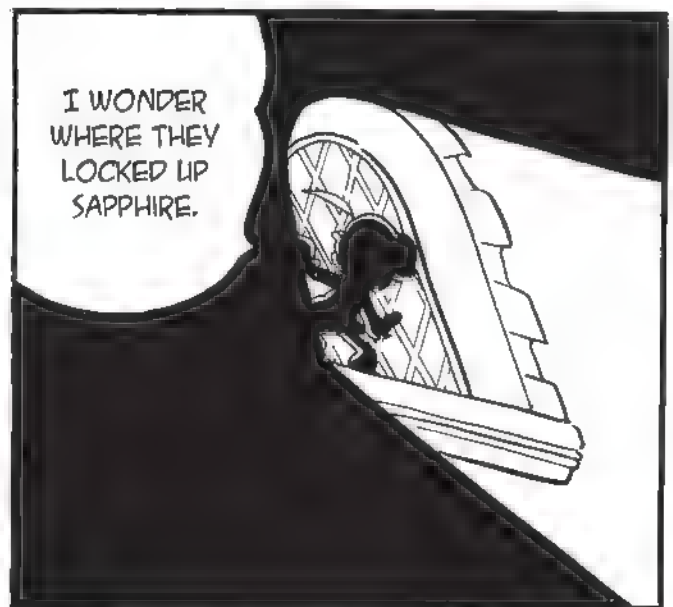
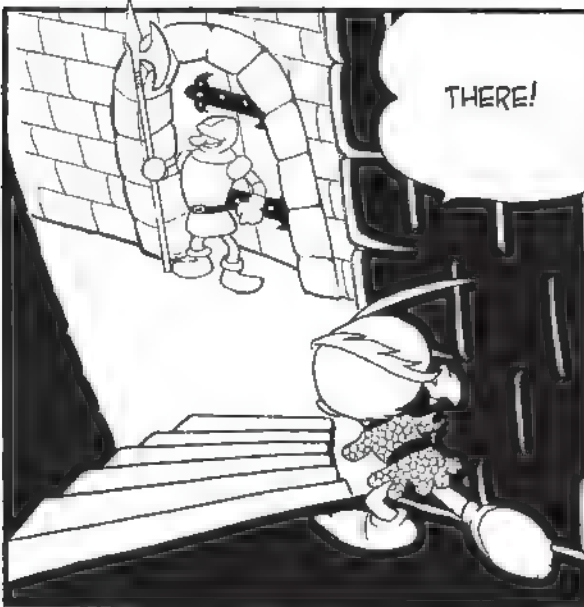
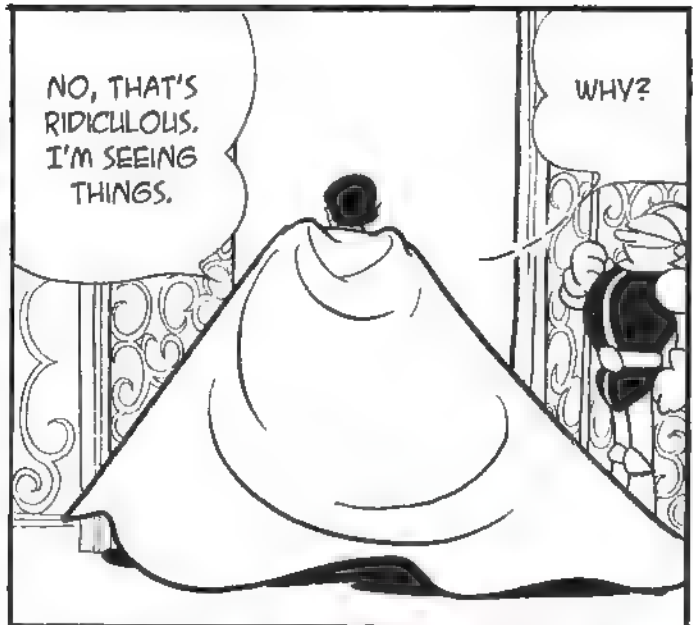


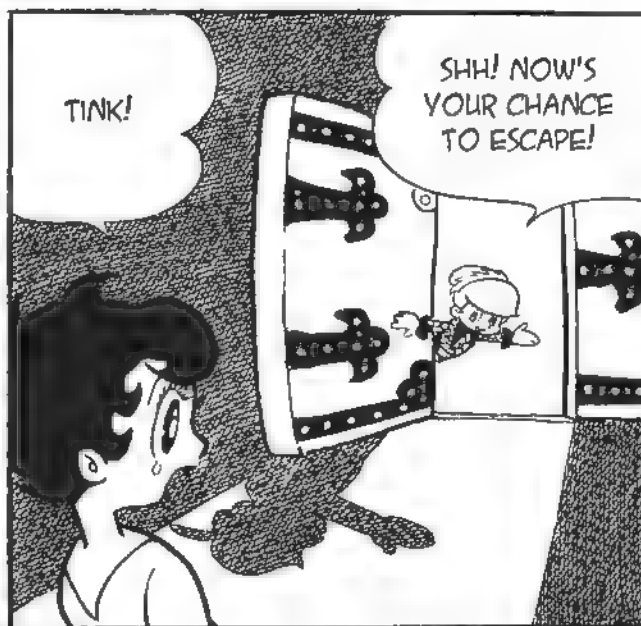
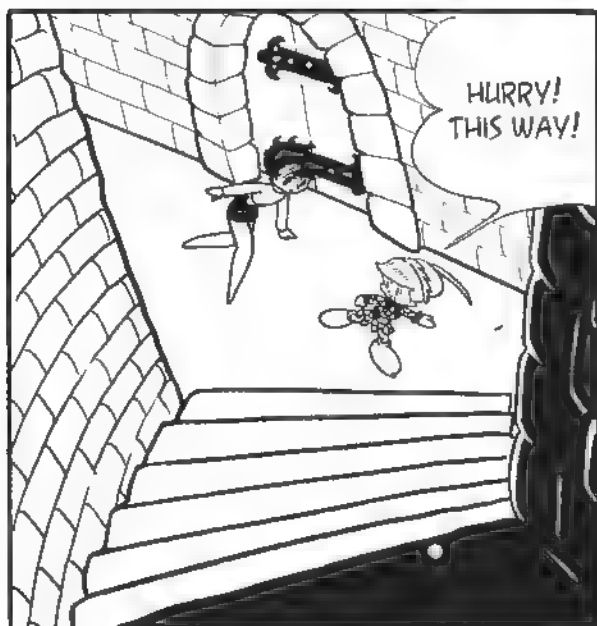
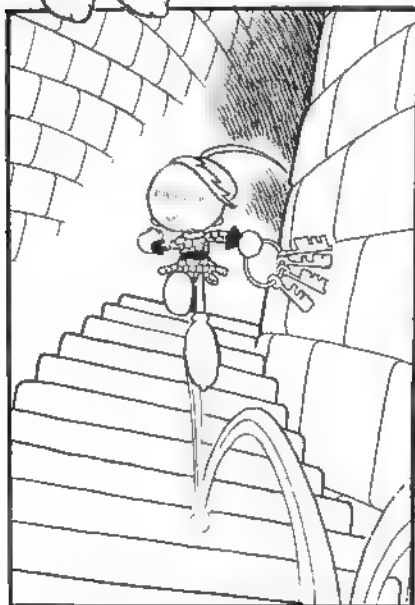
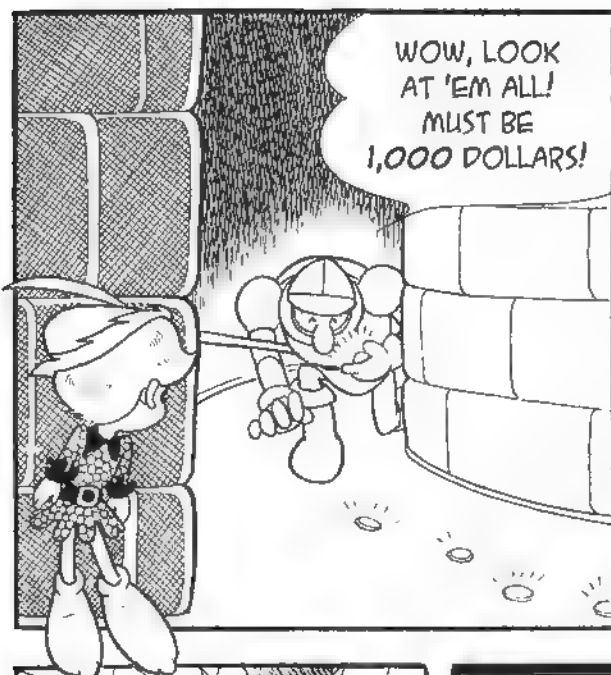


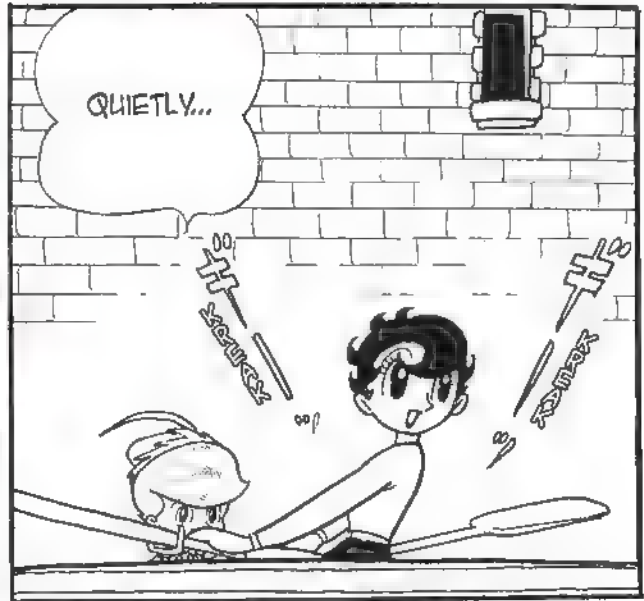
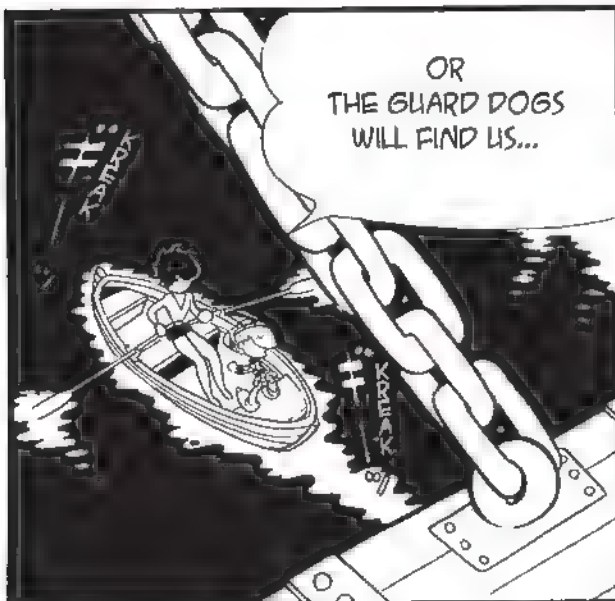
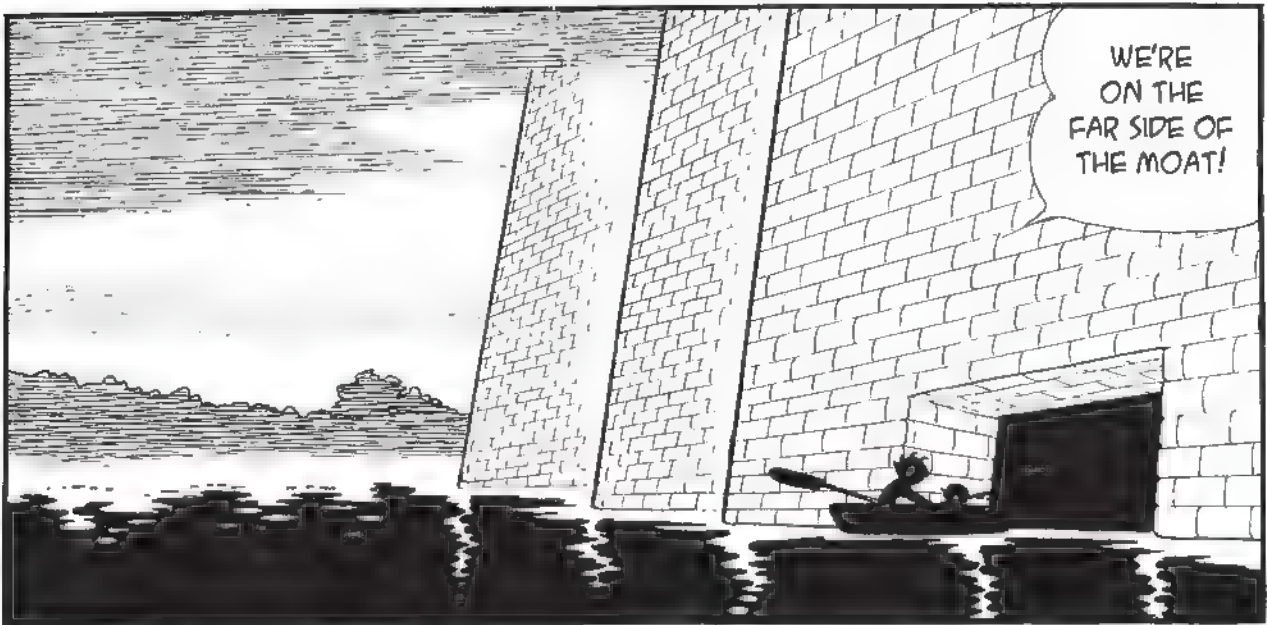
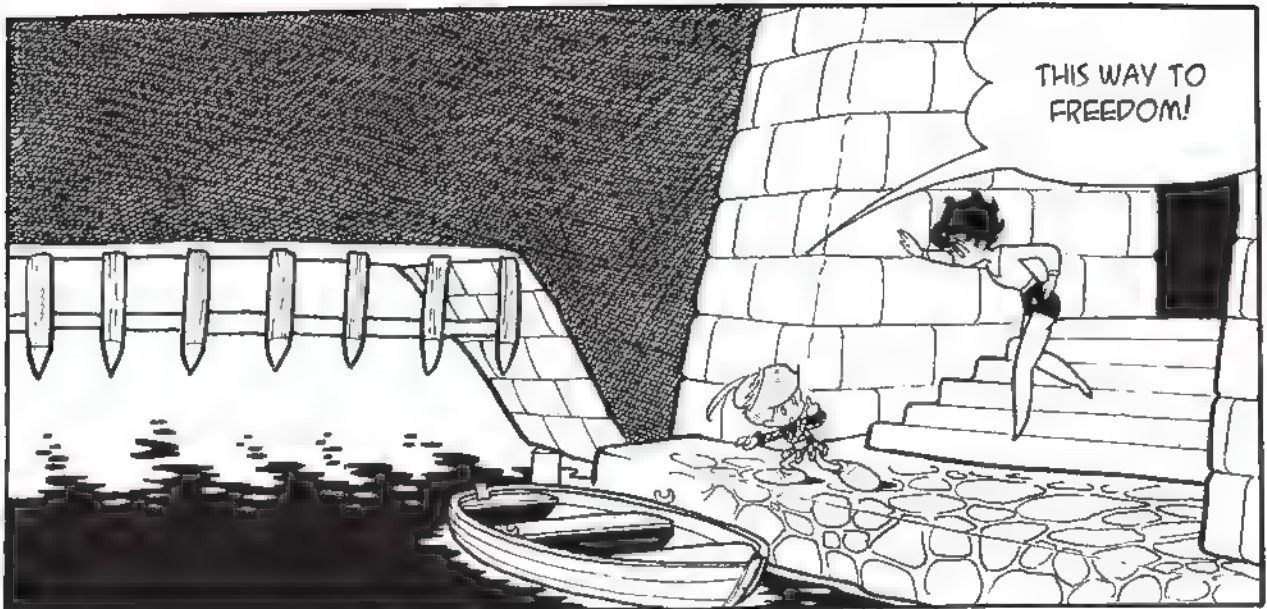






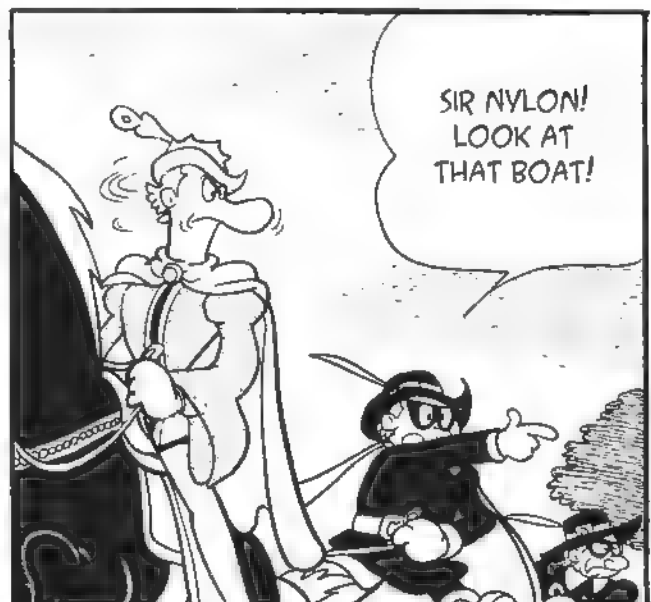
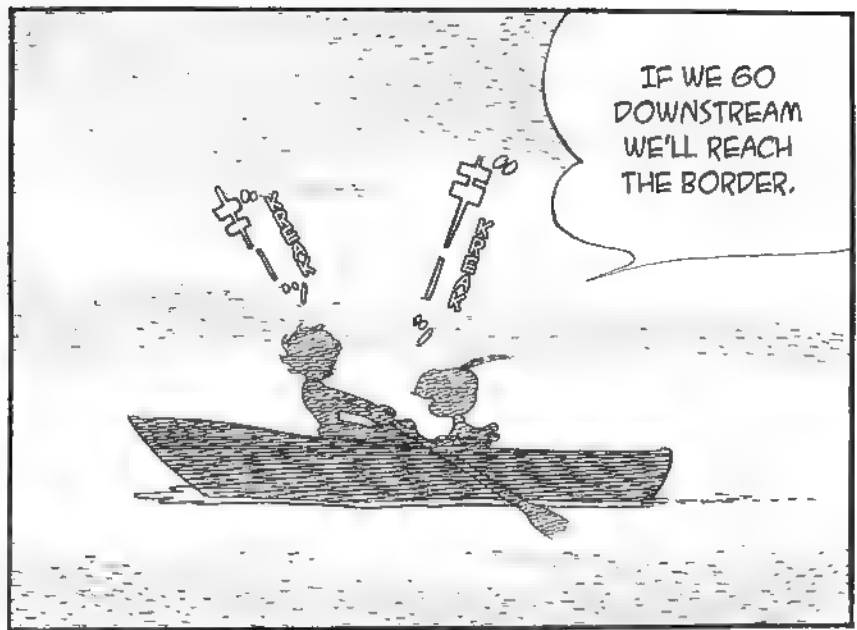




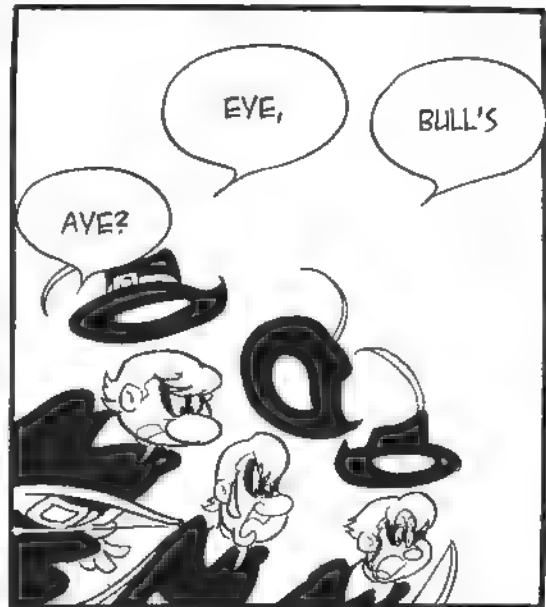
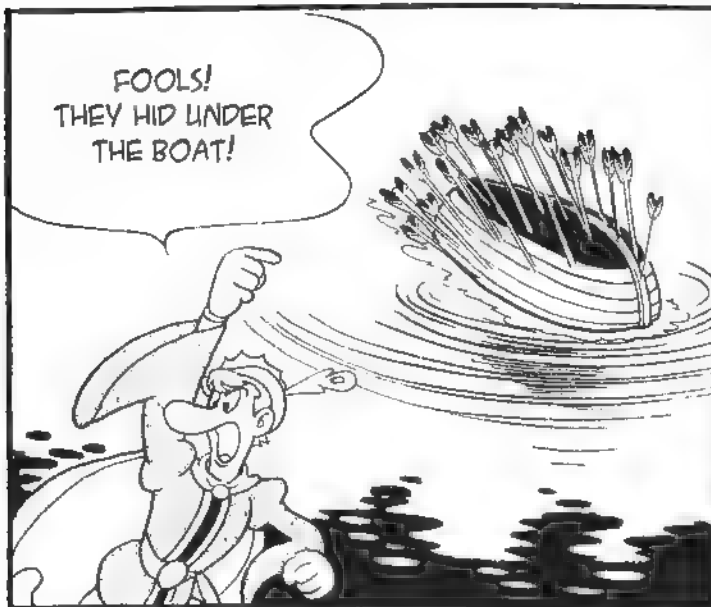


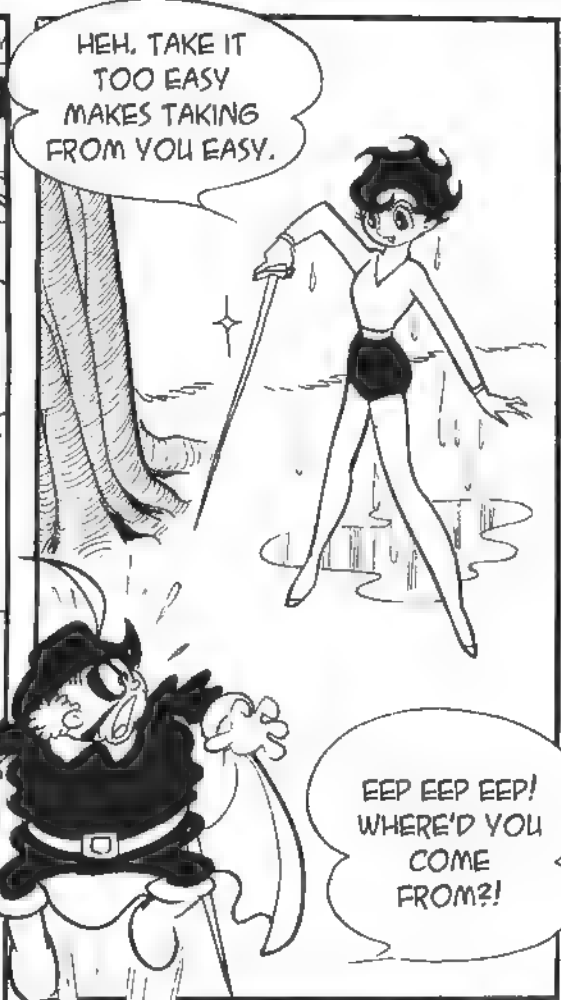
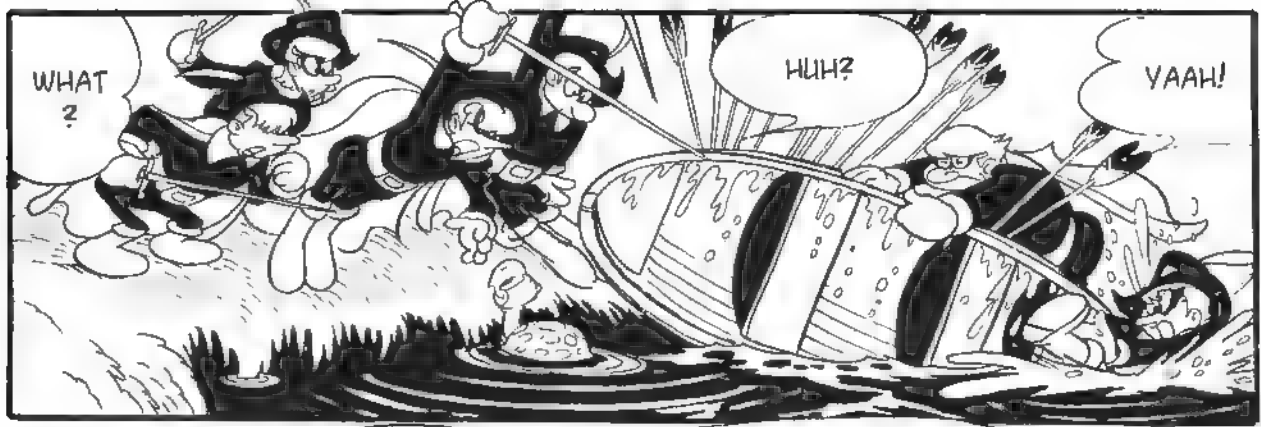
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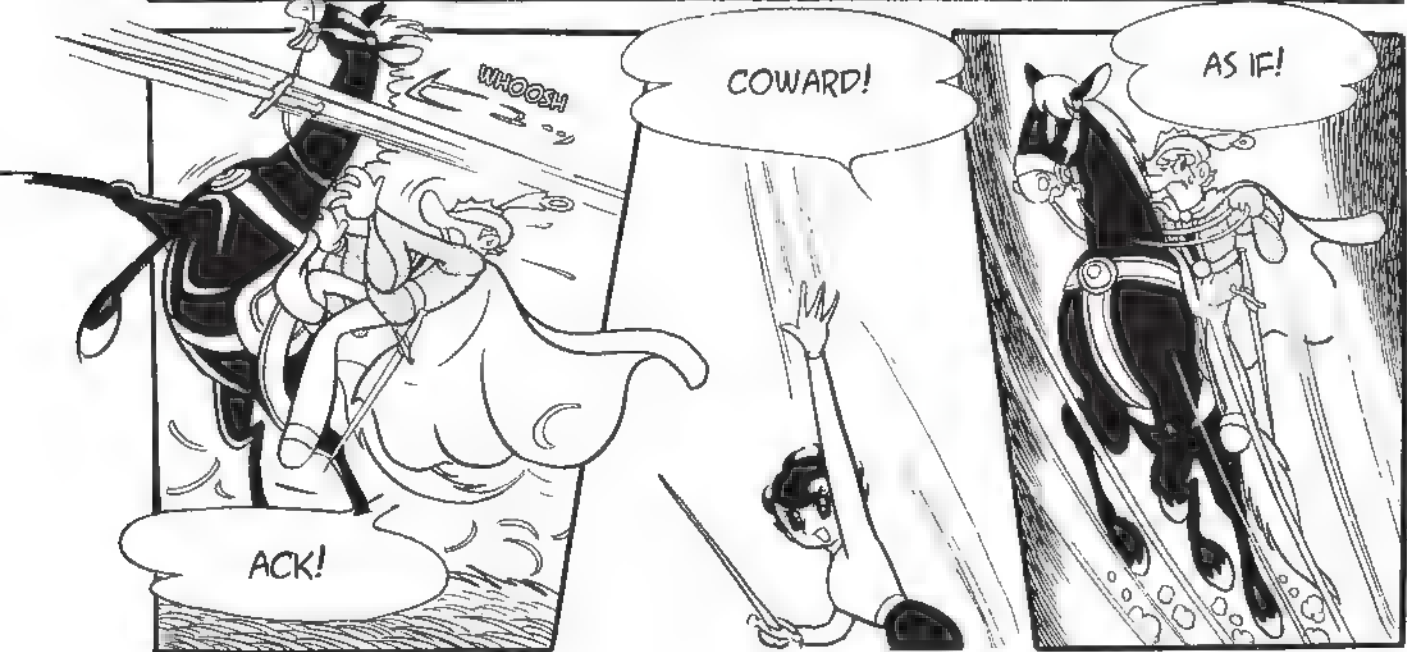
Two Hearts





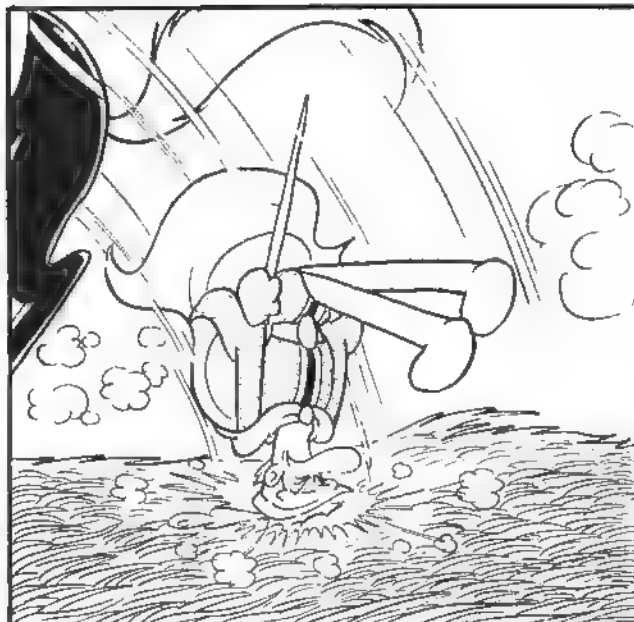








GET UP, LILY-LIVER!
TOO WEAK TO TAKE
ON A WOMAN, EH?



CURSE YOU!
NOW YOU'VE SAID IT!
H-HAVE AT YOU!

KLASH



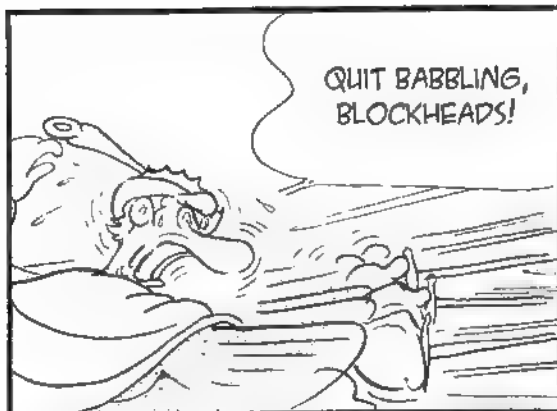
AH, SIR NYLON!
WATCH YOUR
BACK!

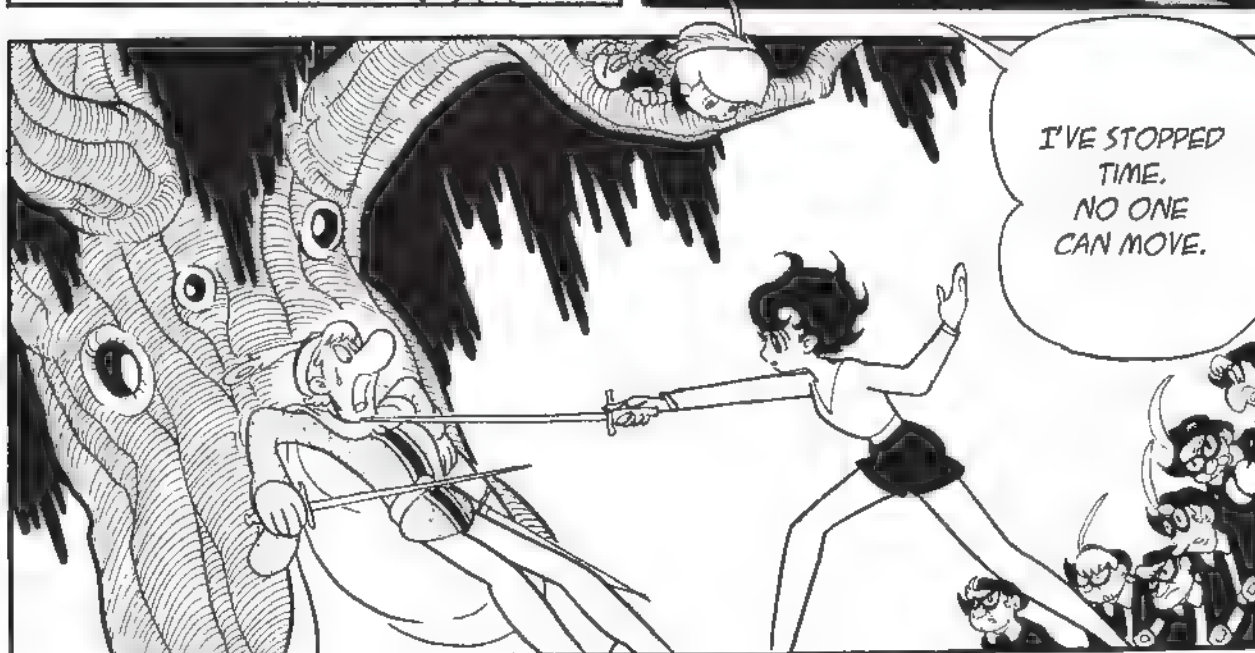
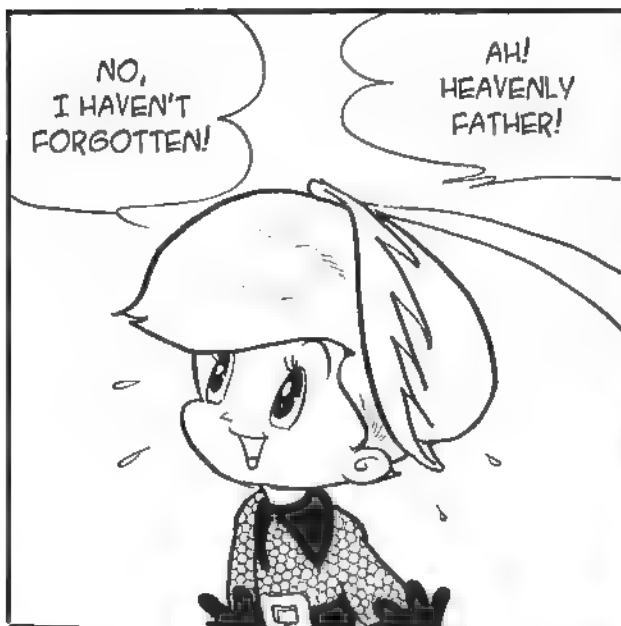
THERE! NO!
GOOD!
YOU SUCK!

SHUT UP!

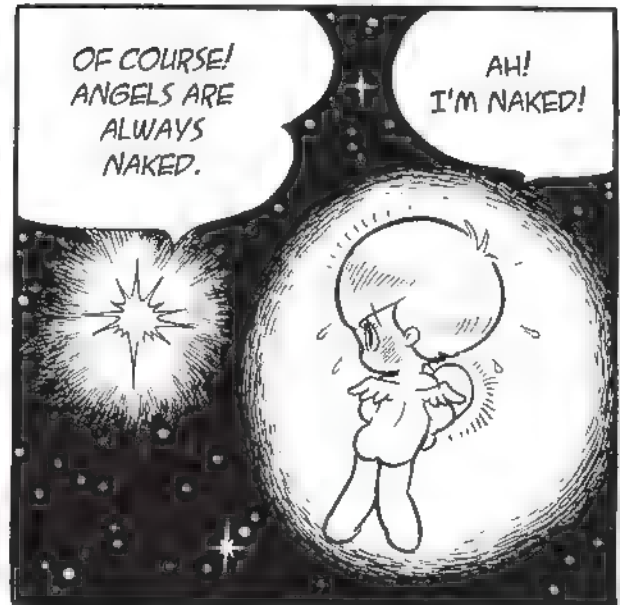
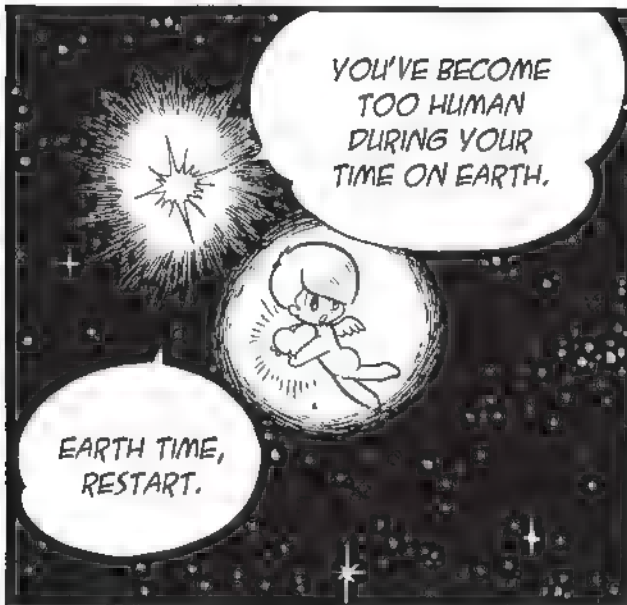
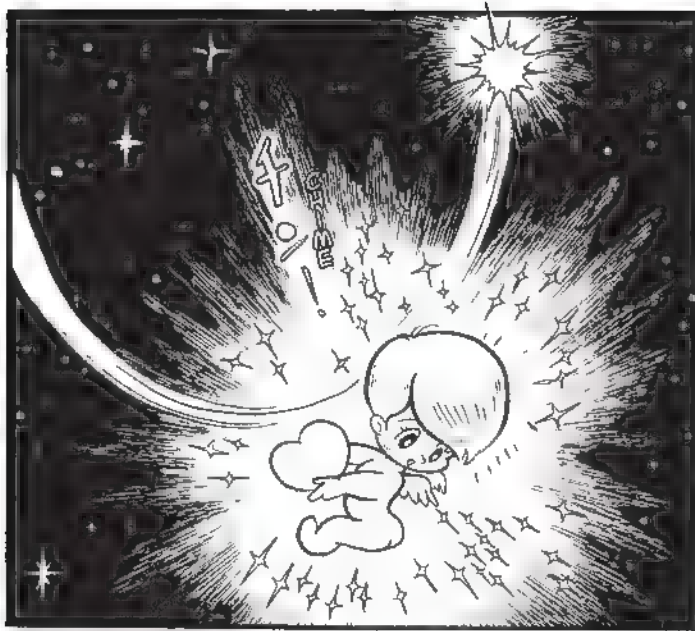


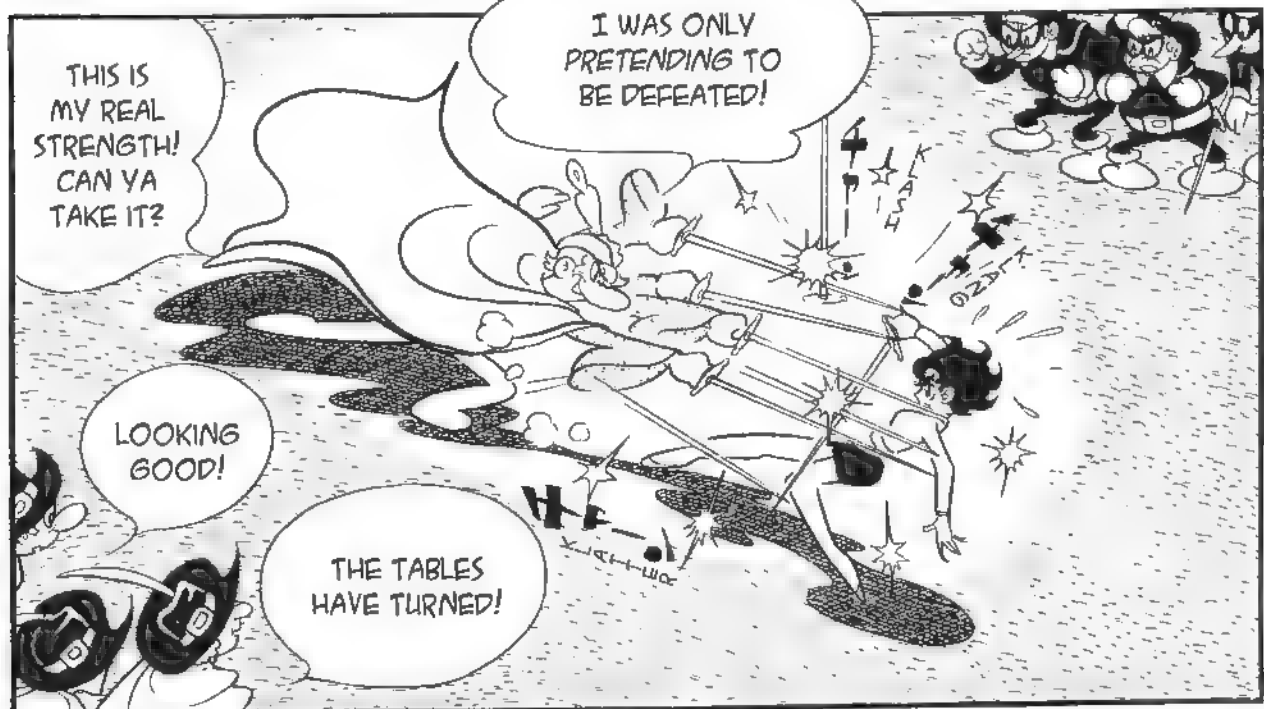
YOU CLAIM TO
BE A PRINCE BUT
YOU'RE JUST A GIRL.
I WON'T LET YOU
MAKE A FOOL
OUTTA ME!

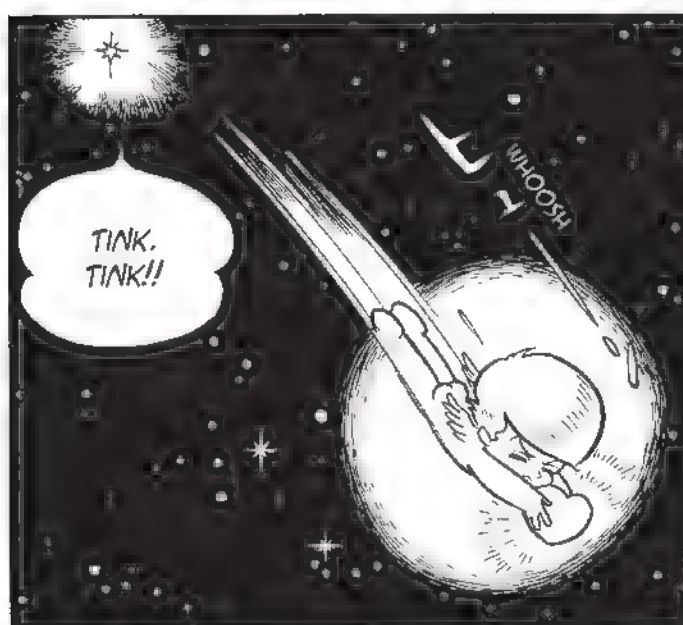
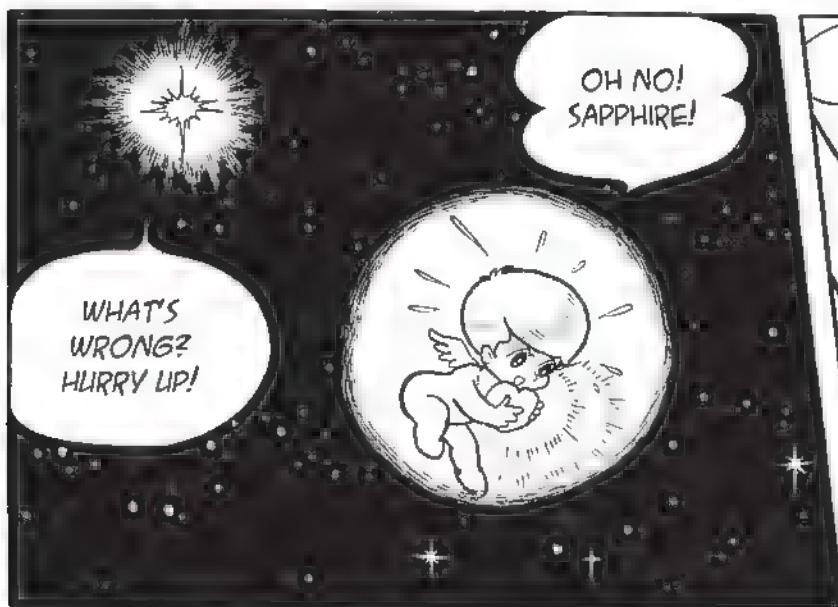


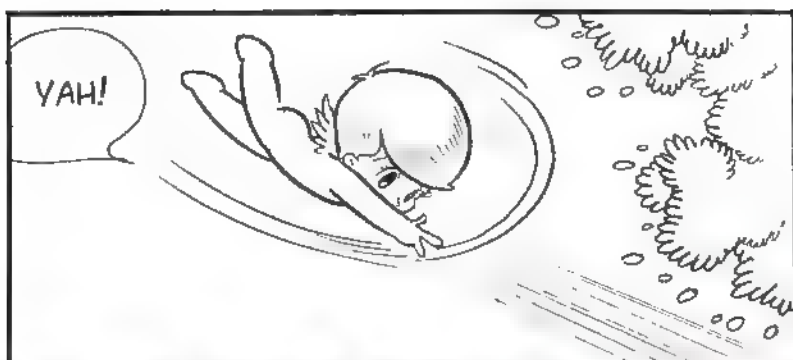


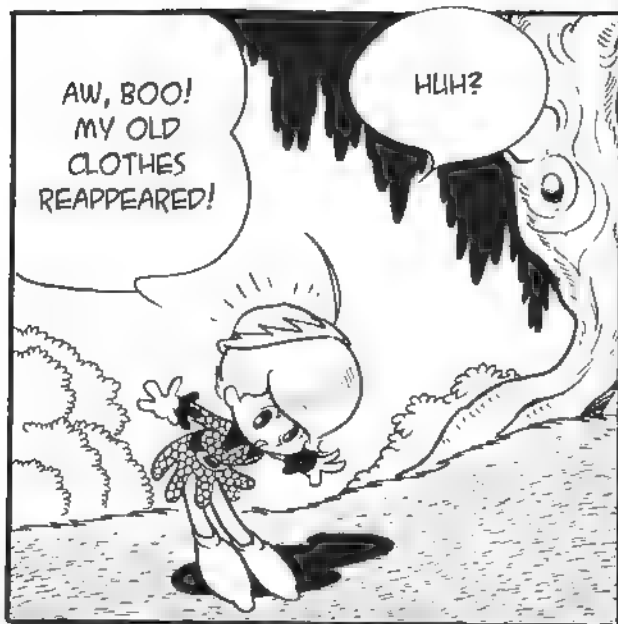








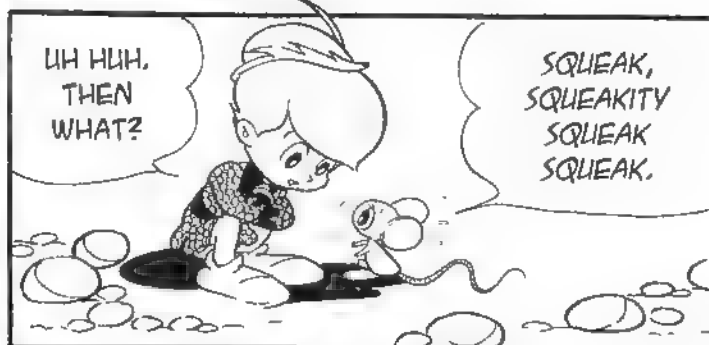
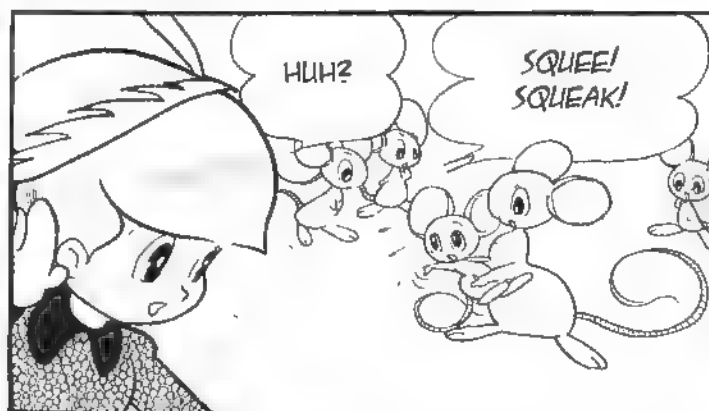
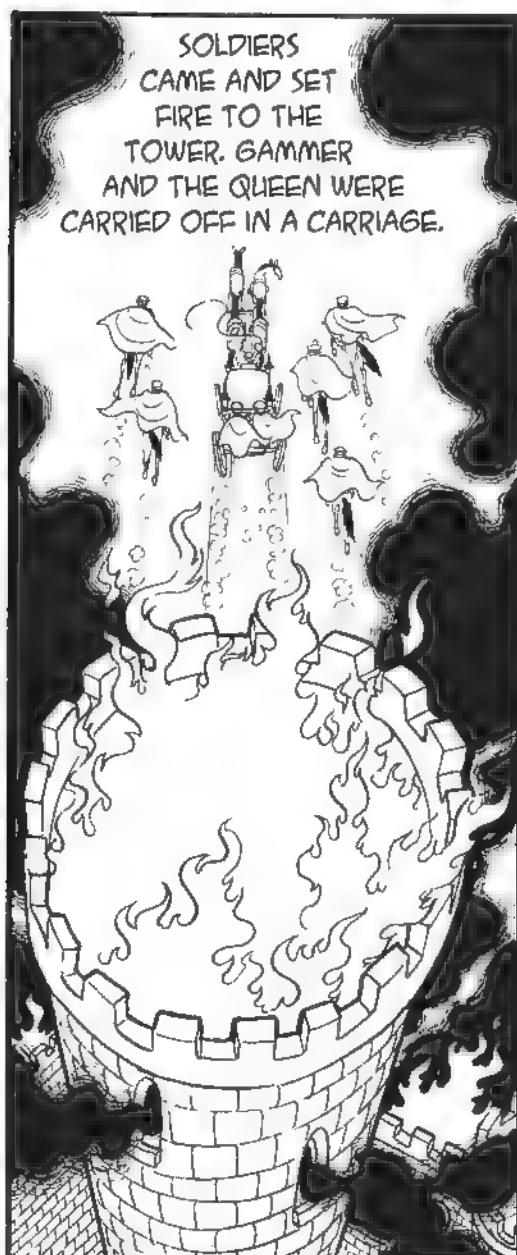
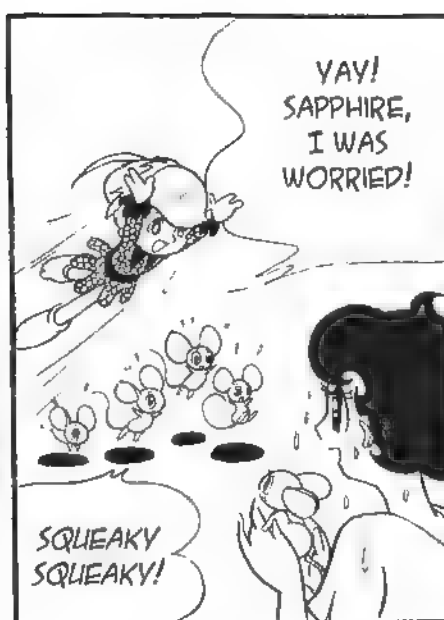
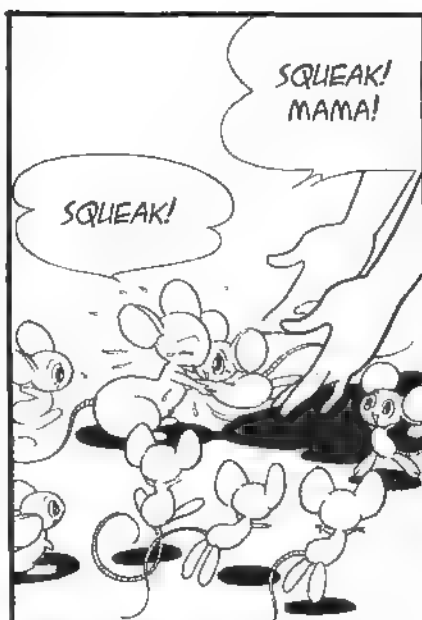


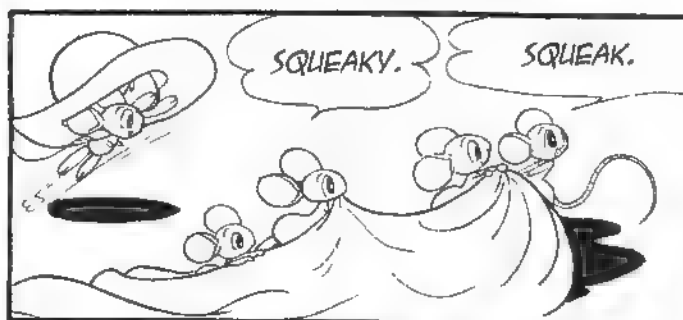
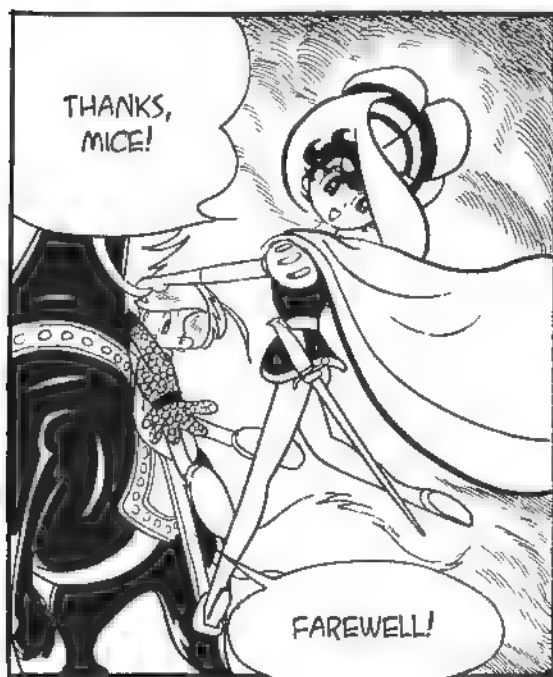
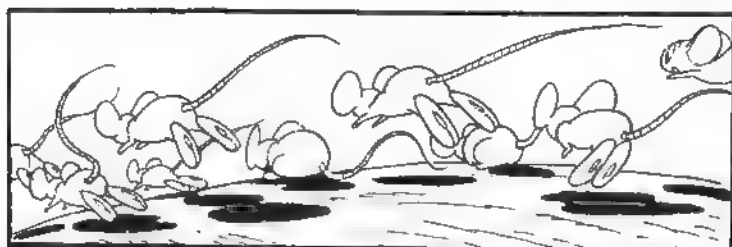
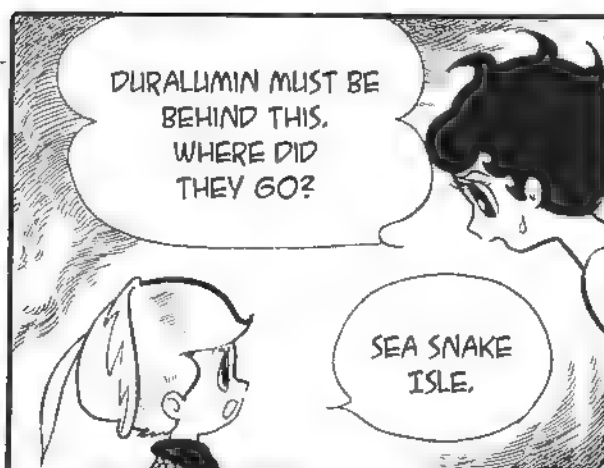


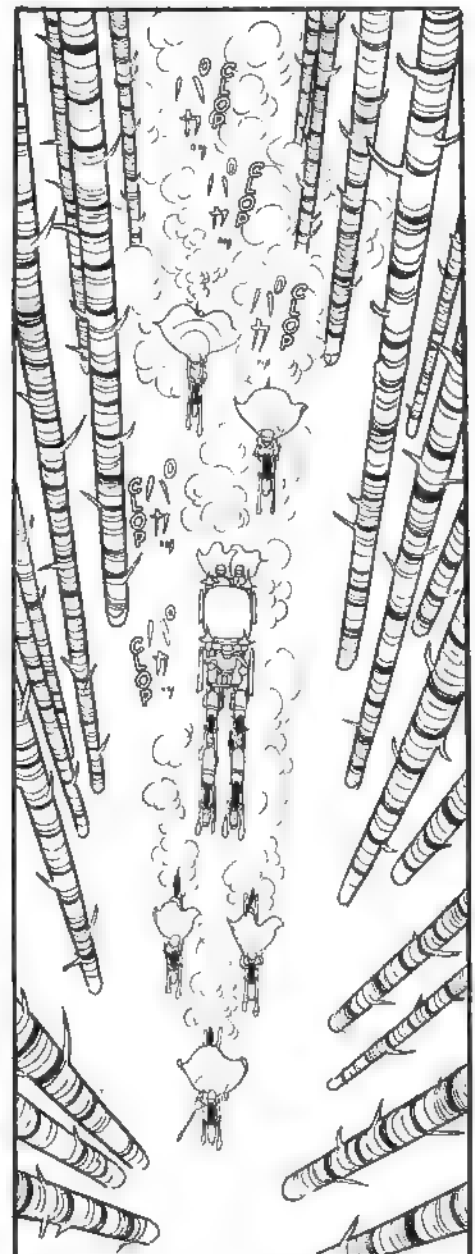
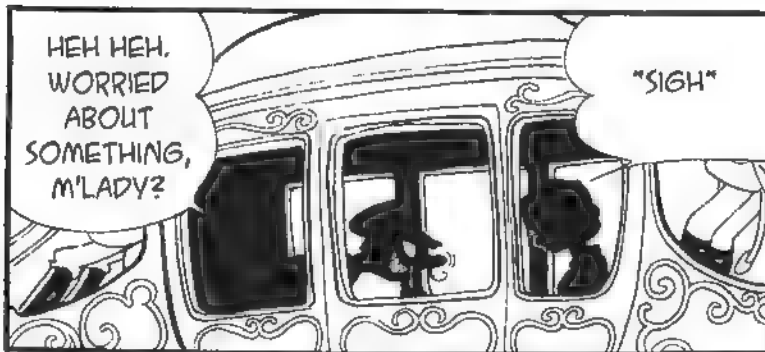
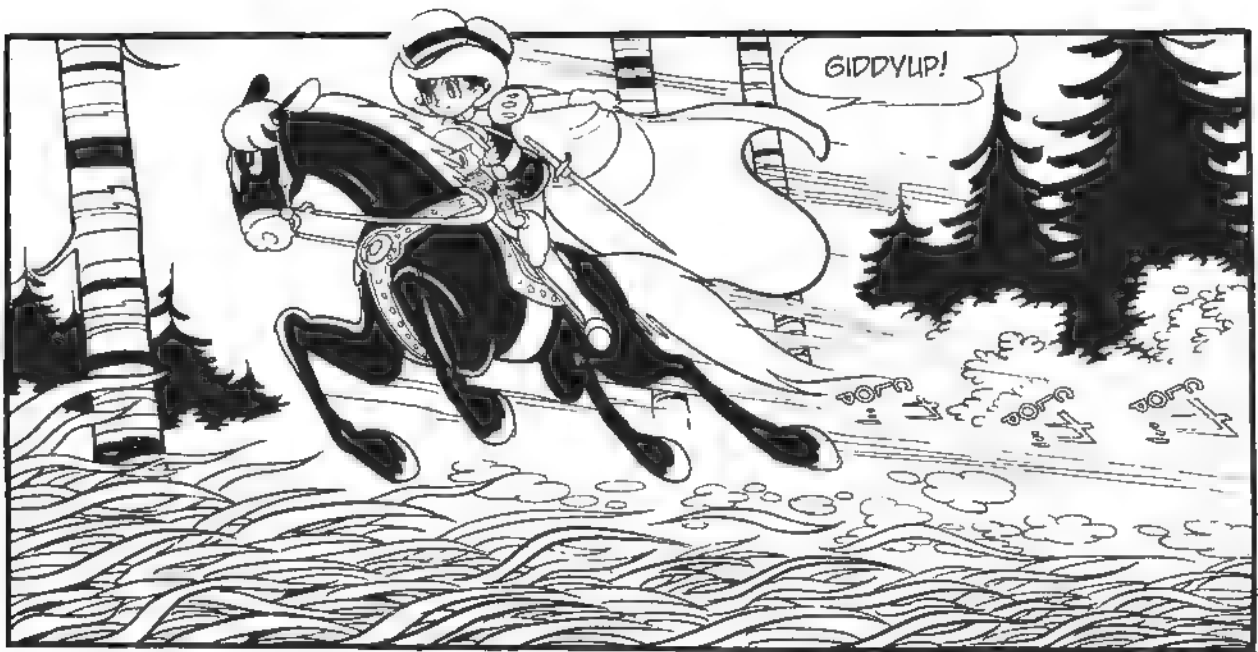


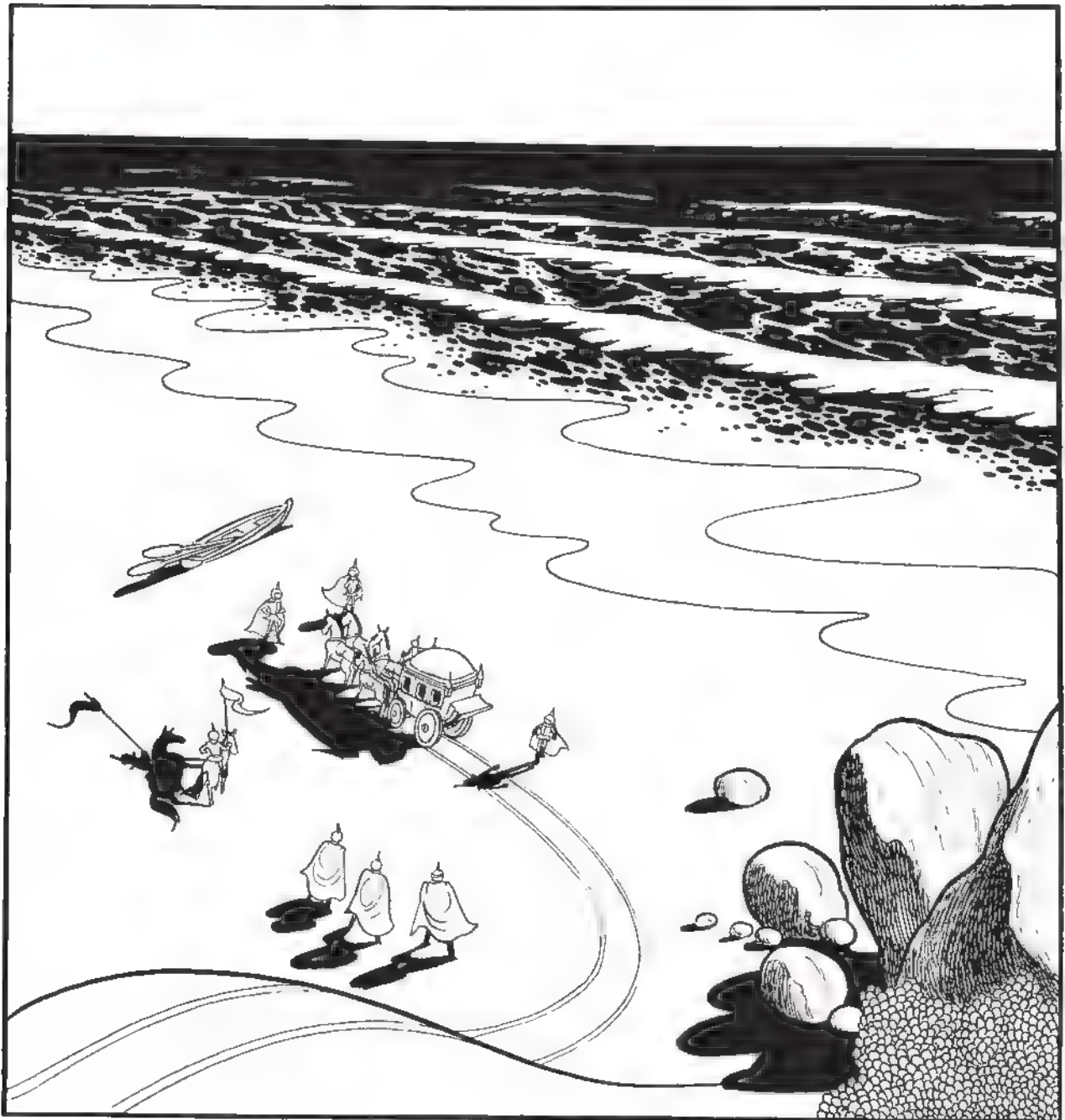
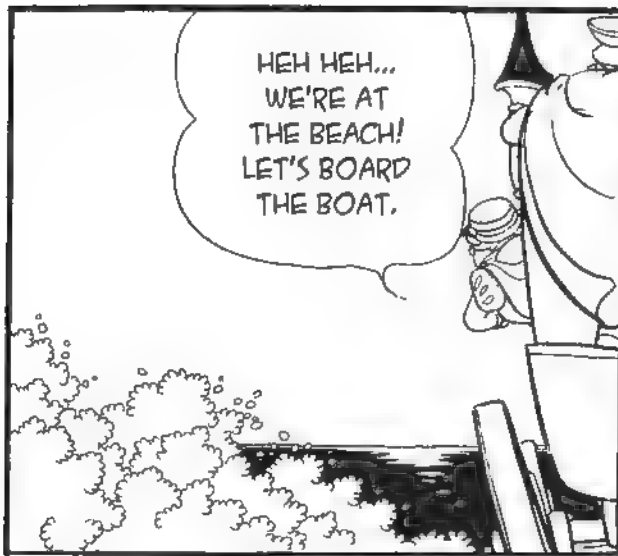


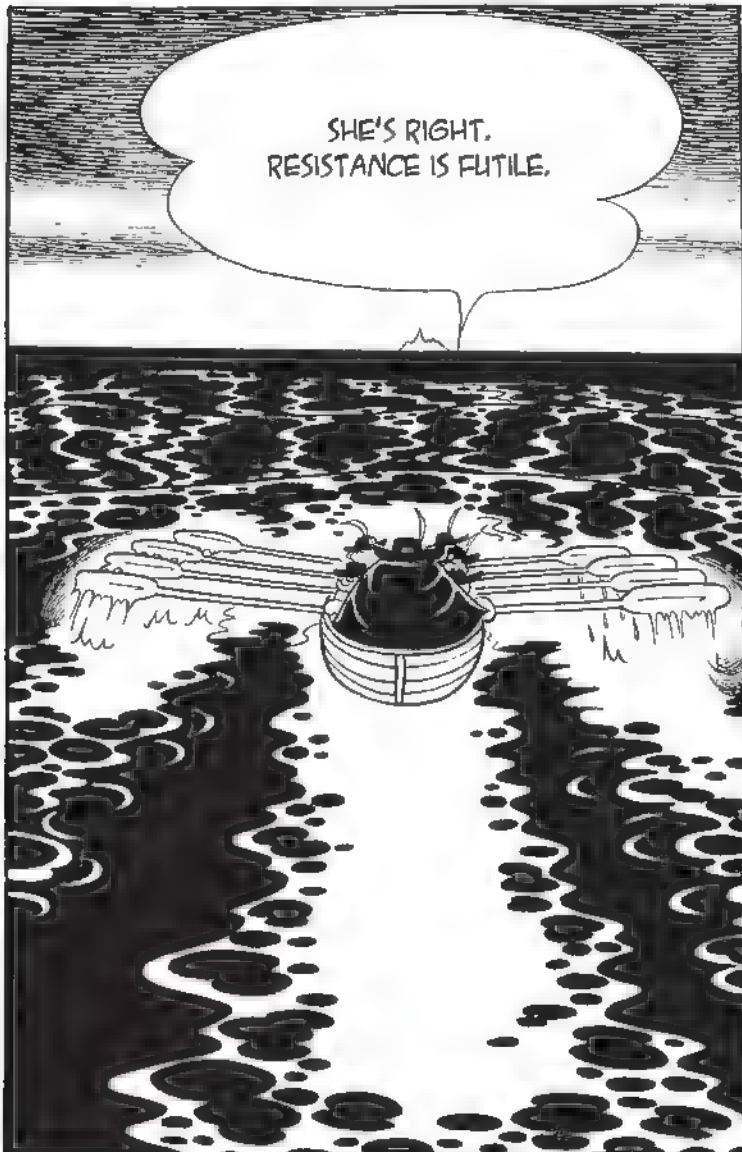


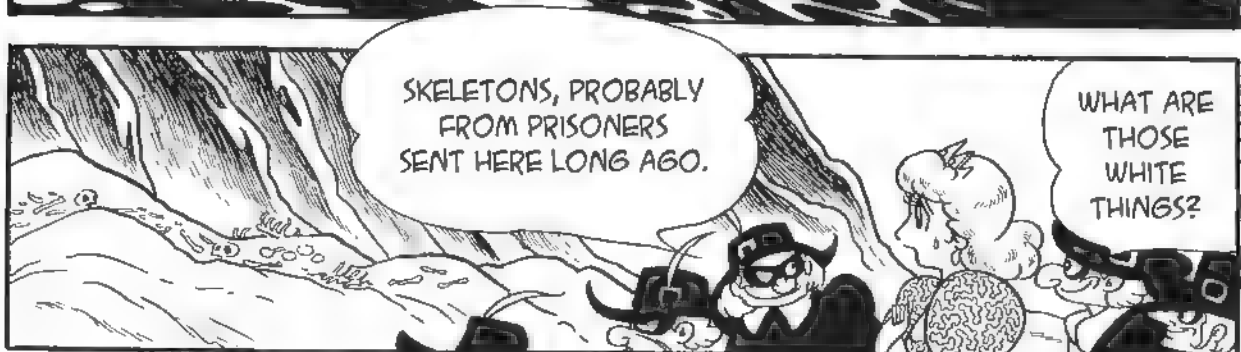














WE'LL GET SOAKED
WITH THE TIDE.
LET'S HEAD UP TO
THAT BUILDING.



LOOKS LIKE
WE'RE STUCK HERE,
WAITING FOR
DEATH TO FIND US.



I'LL NEVER LEAVE
YOUR SIDE, MILADY.
I'LL PROTECT YOU
AS LONG AS I HAVE
THE STRENGTH TO.

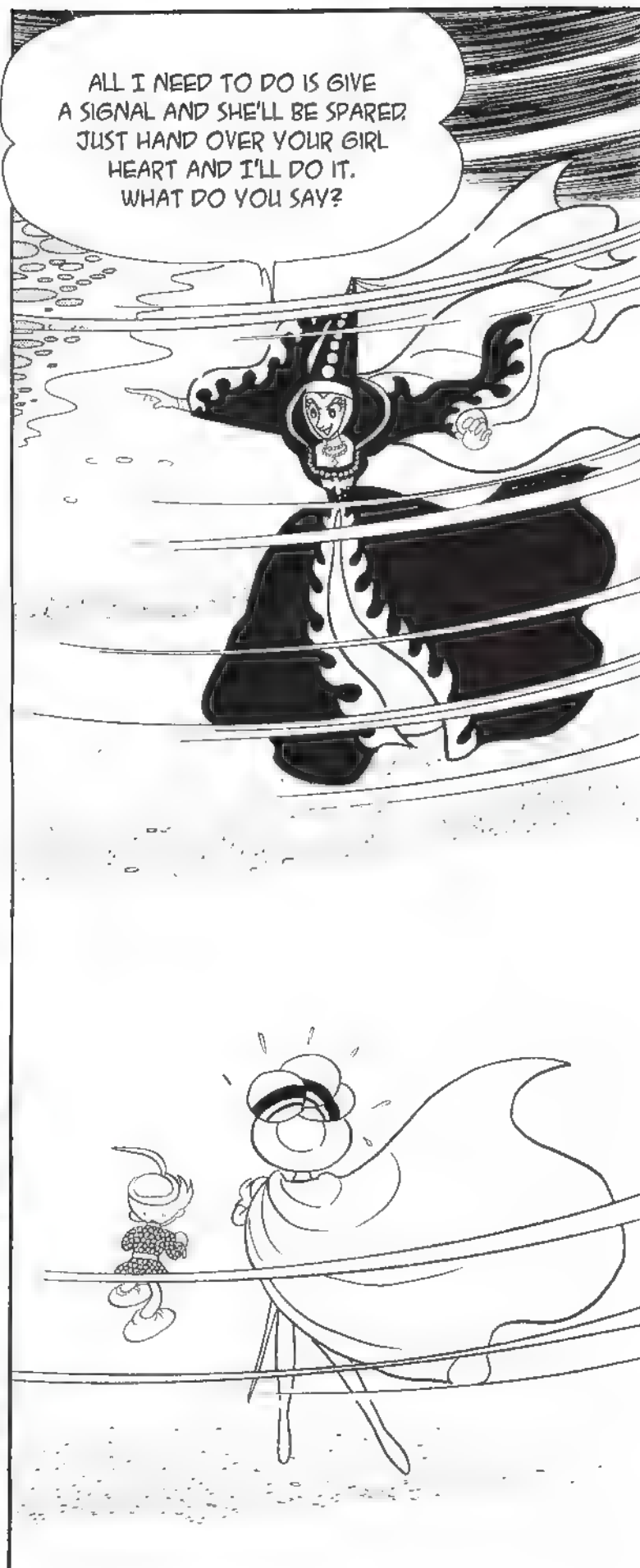


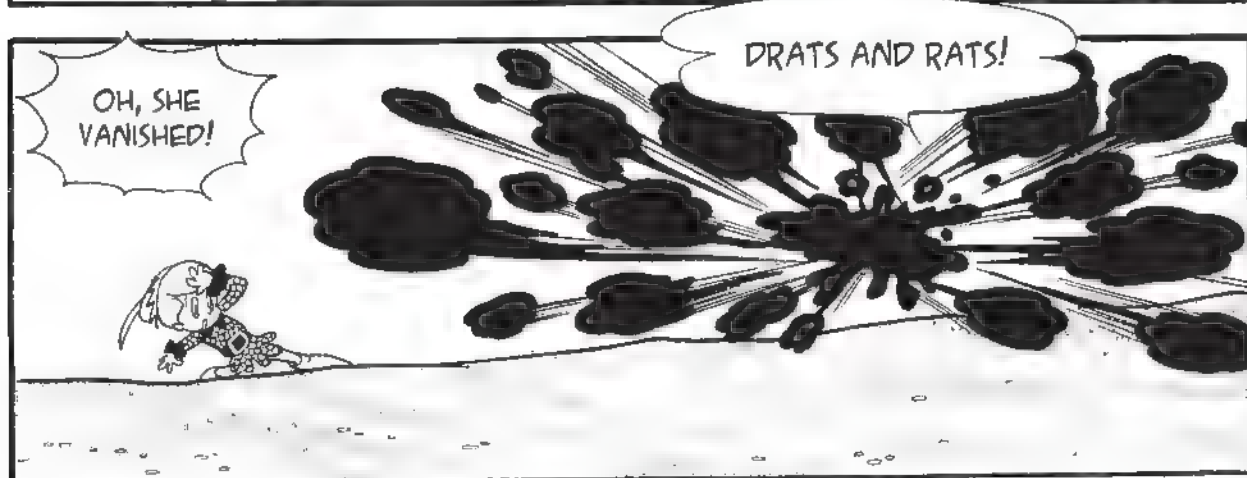
THERE'S SEA
SNAKE ISLE.



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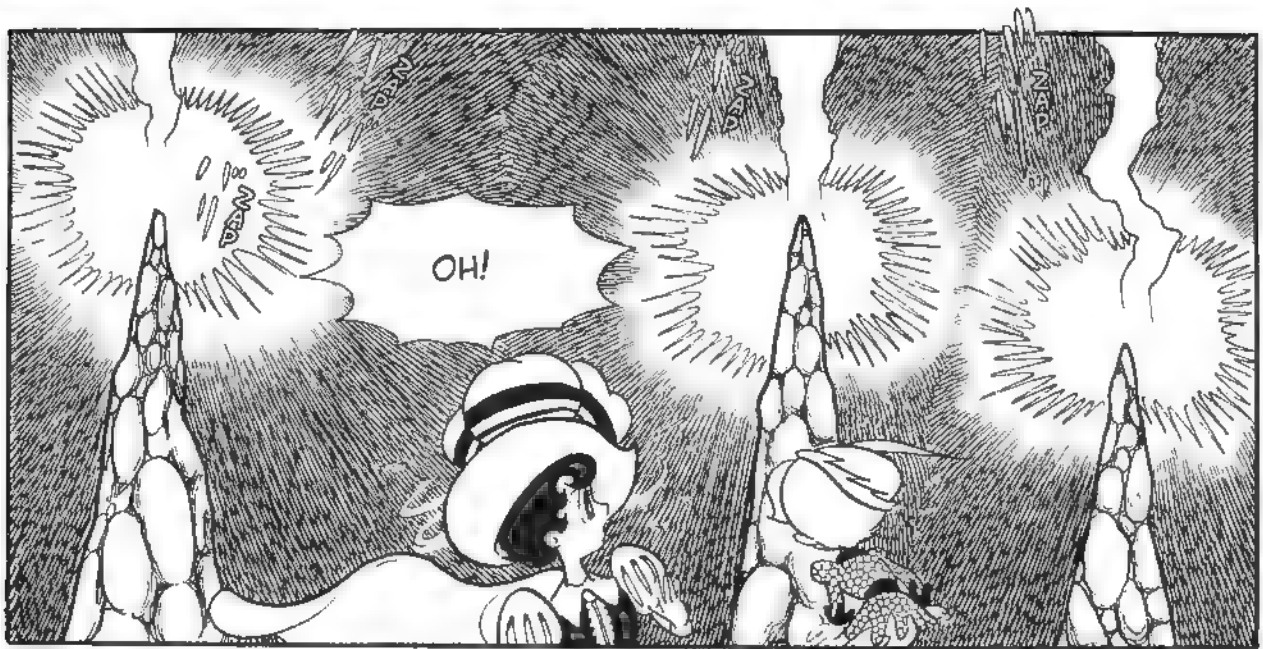
Stone Queen

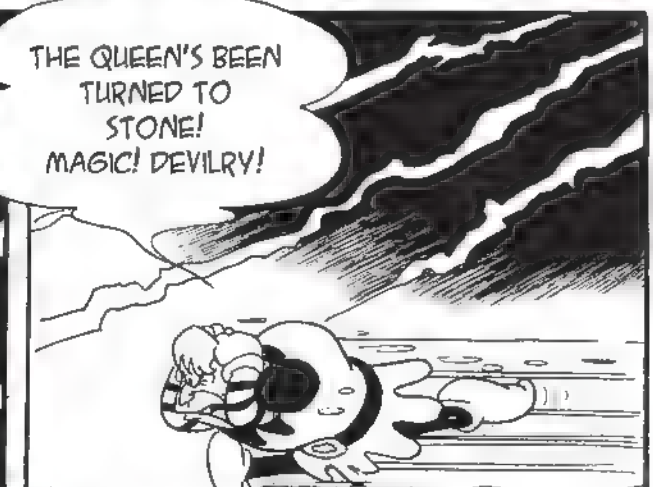
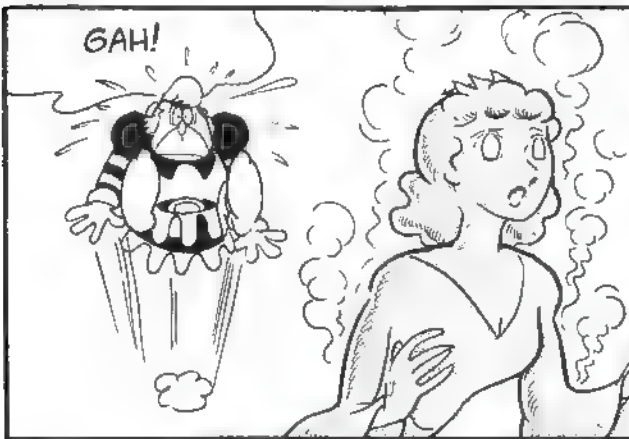


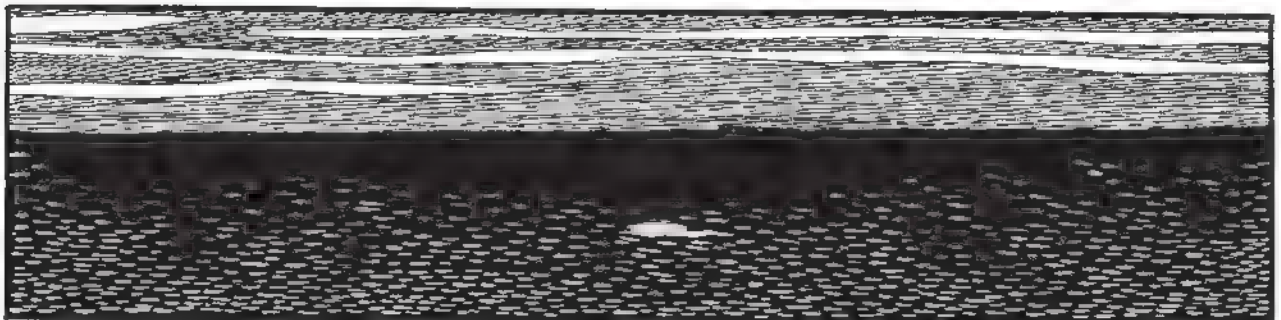
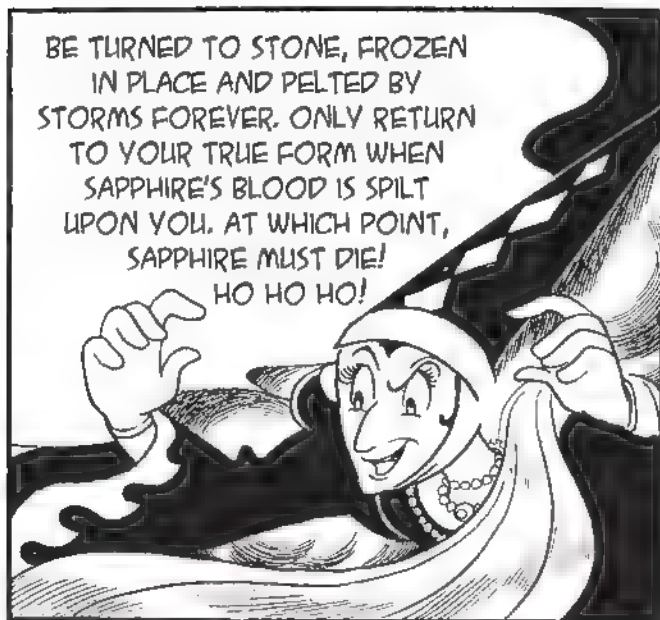




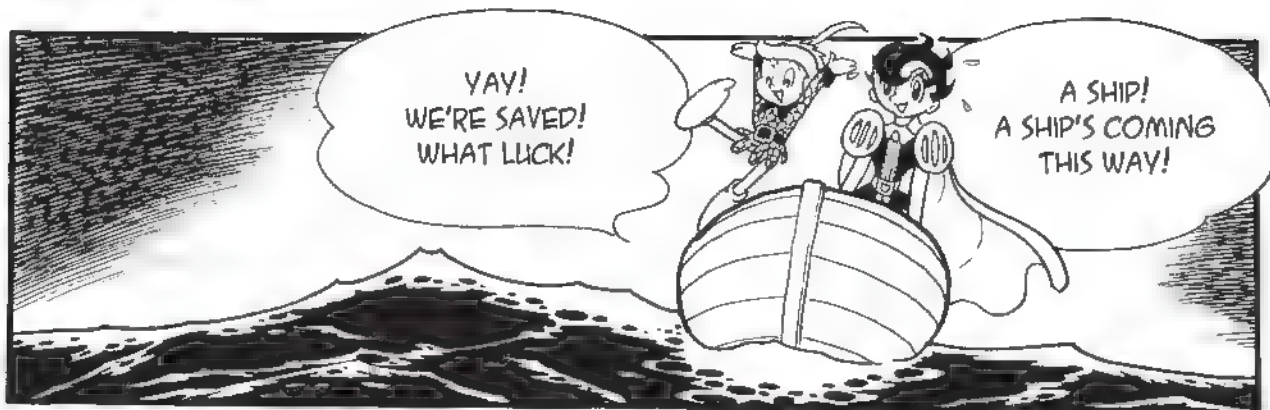


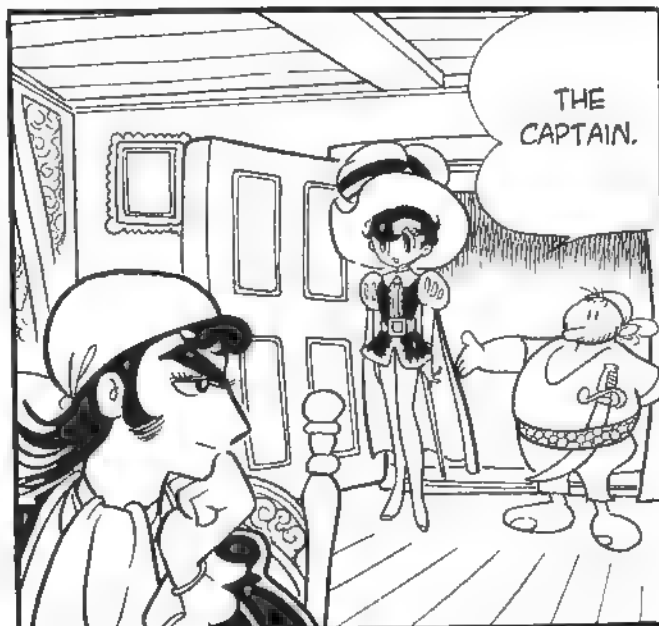
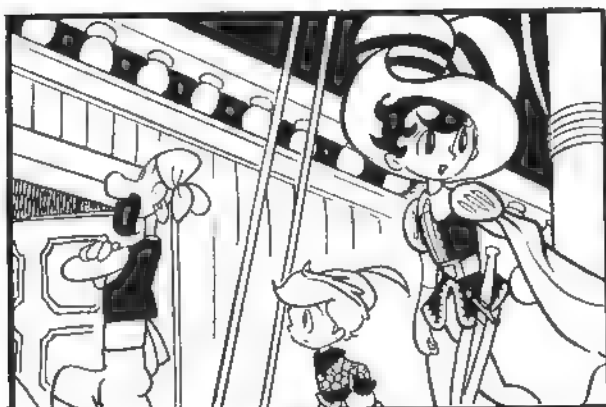




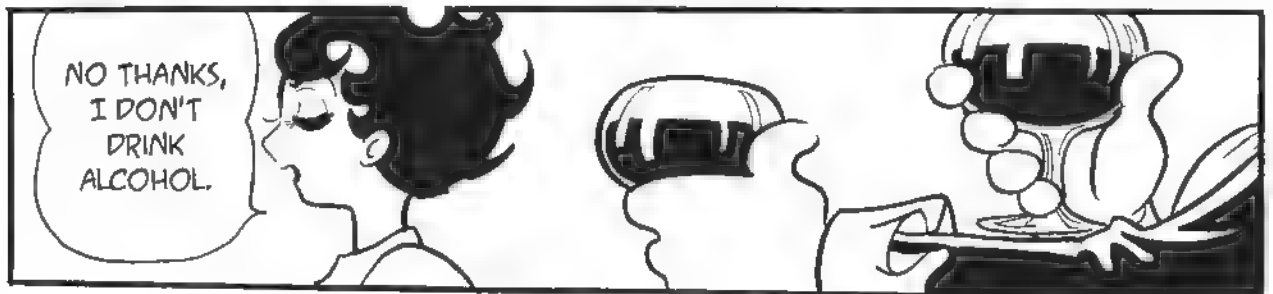
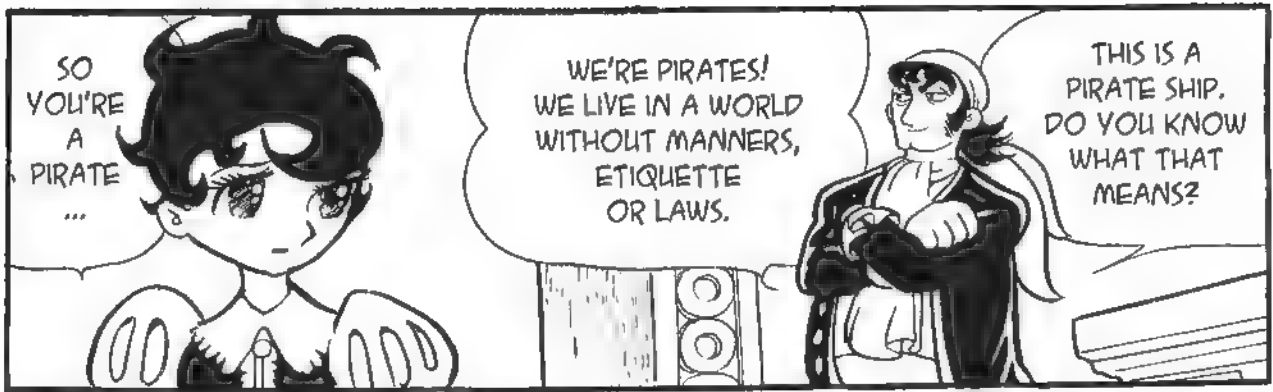


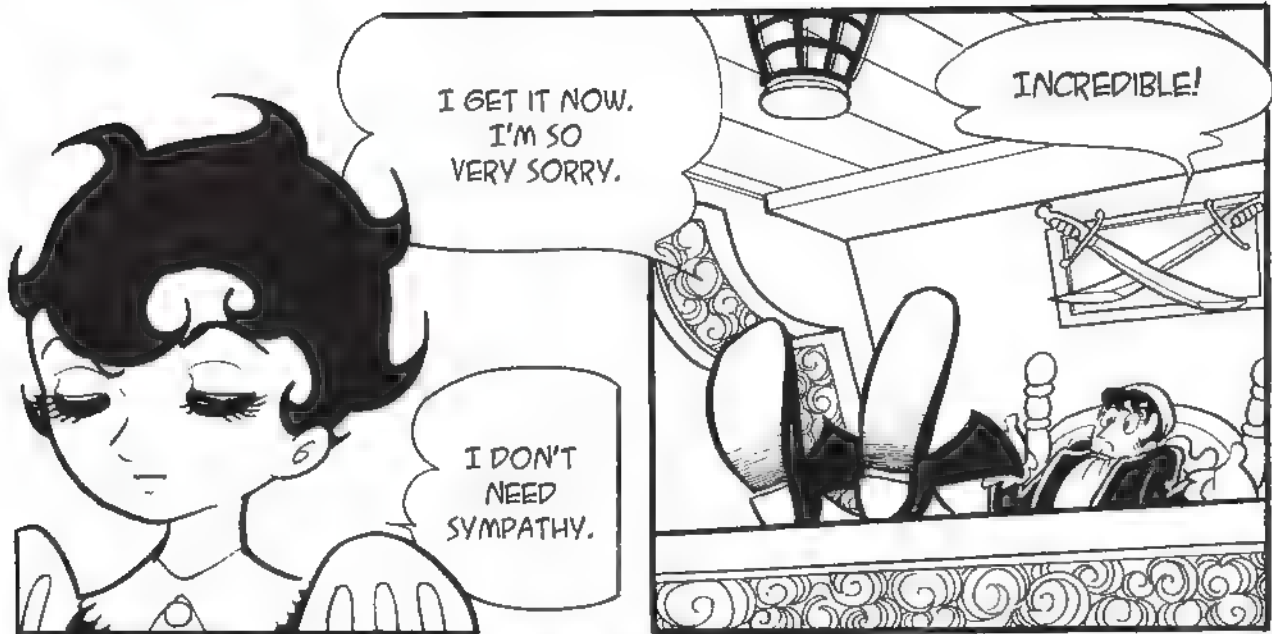




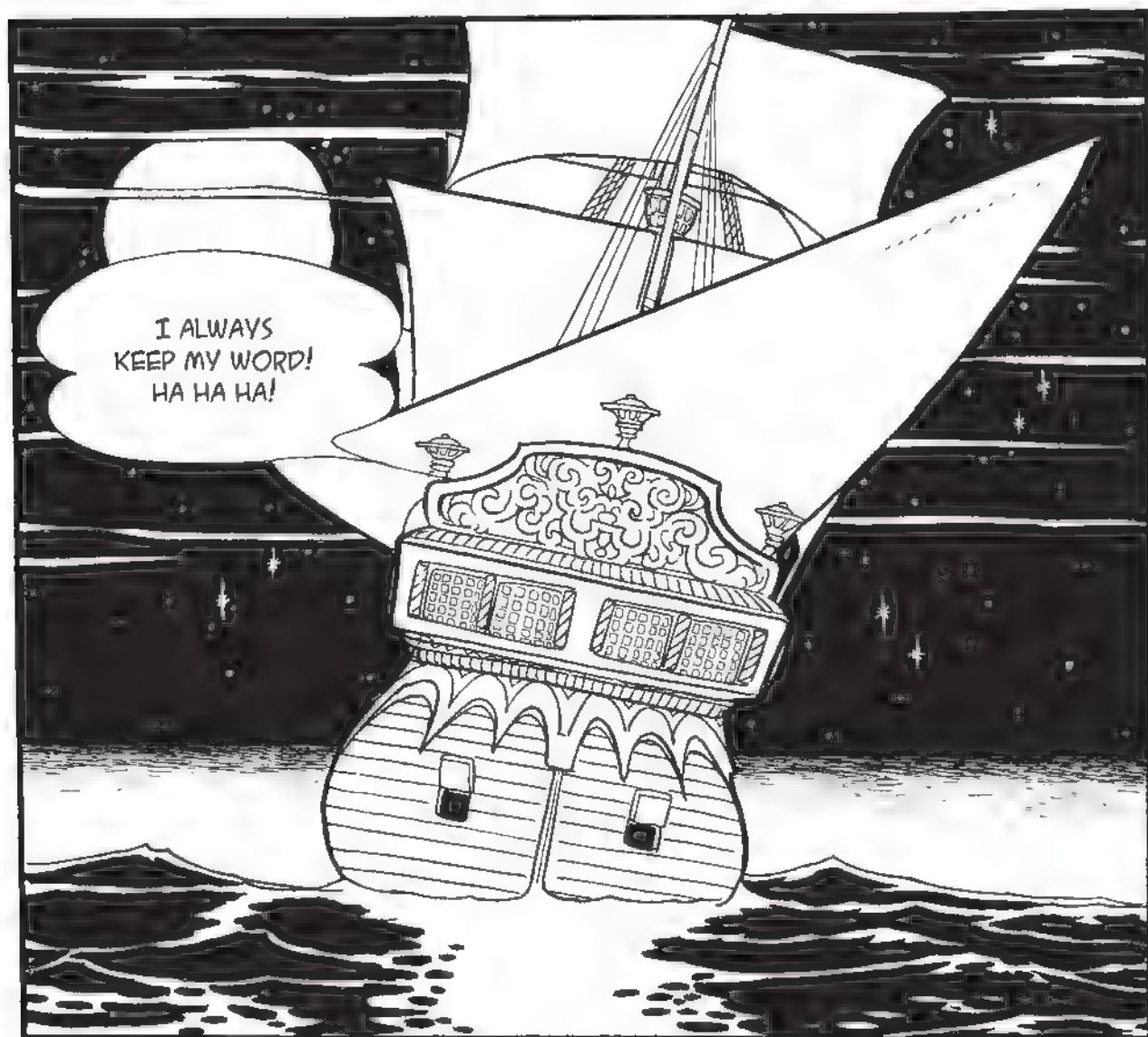


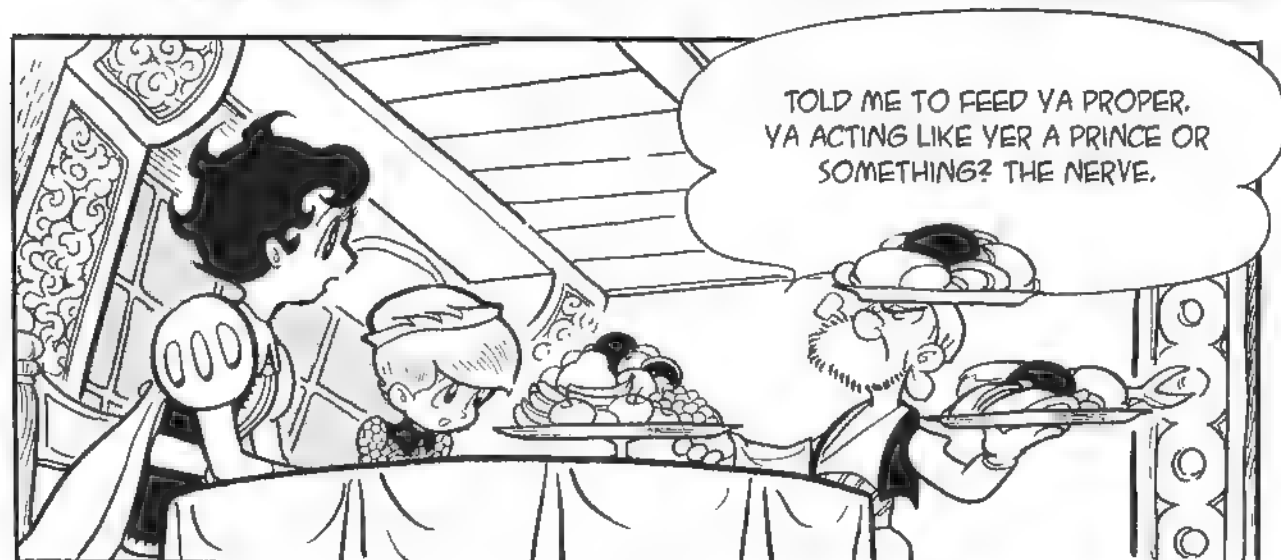
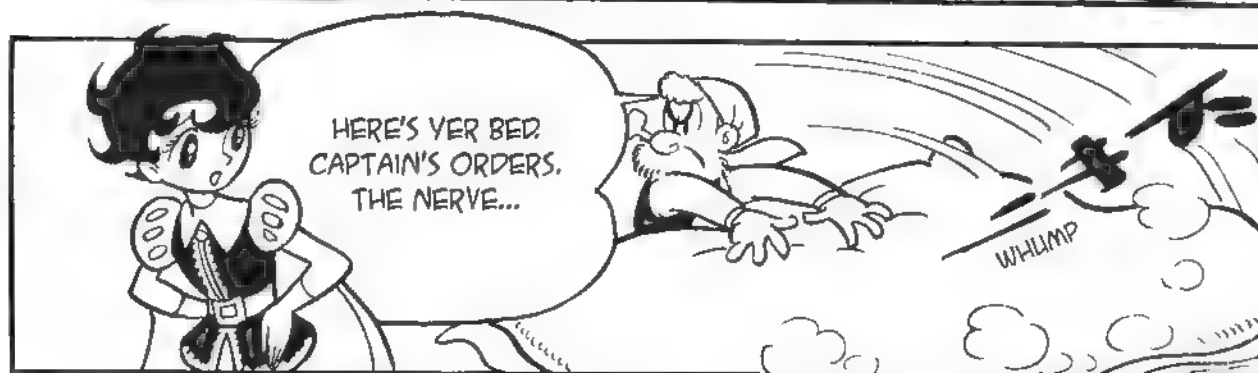
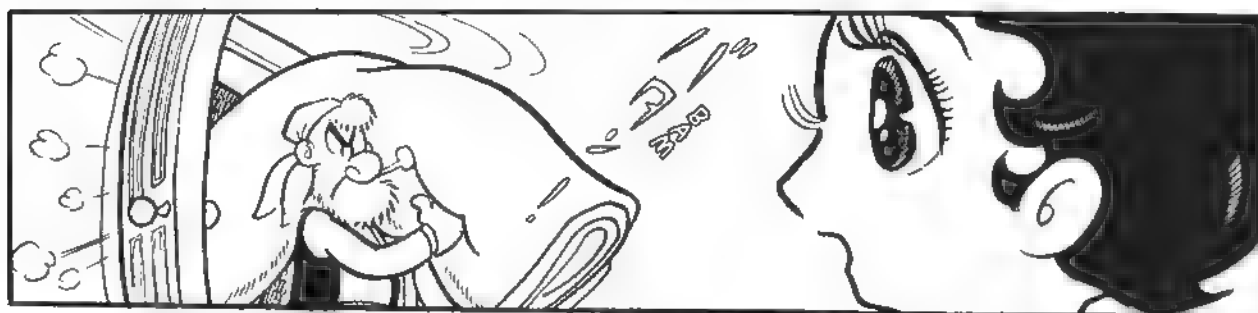


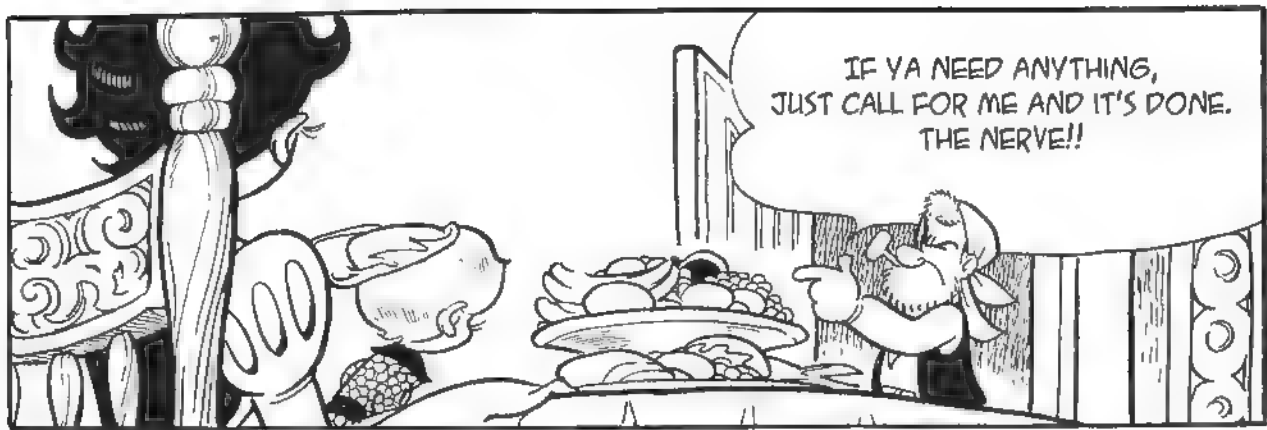




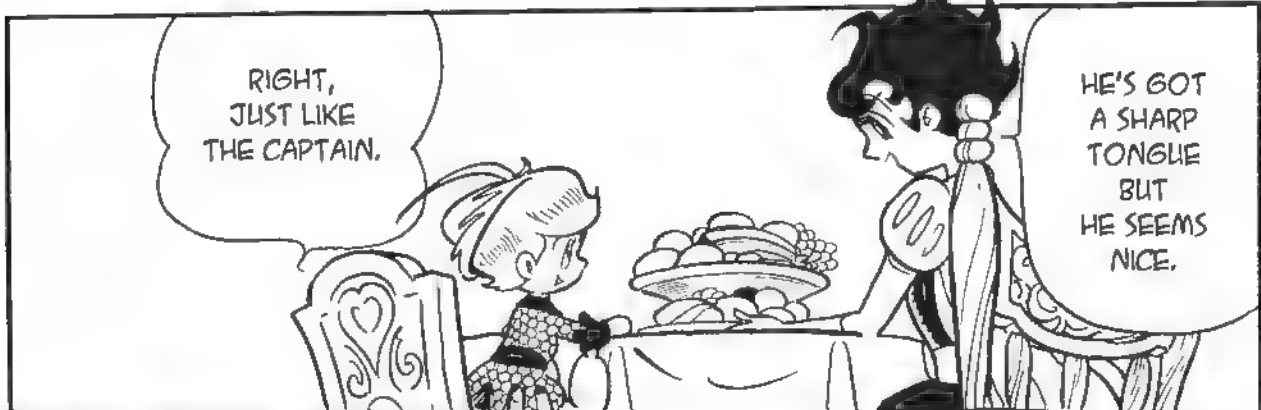








IF YA NEED ANYTHING,
JUST CALL FOR ME AND IT'S DONE.
THE NERVE!!



RIGHT,
JUST LIKE
THE CAPTAIN.

HE'S GOT
A SHARP
TONGUE
BUT
HE SEEMS
NICE.



I WONDER.
HE SAID
HE WANTED
TO MARRY ME.

I THINK HE'S VERY KIND,
UNDER THAT ATTITUDE.
HE'S TESTING YOU.

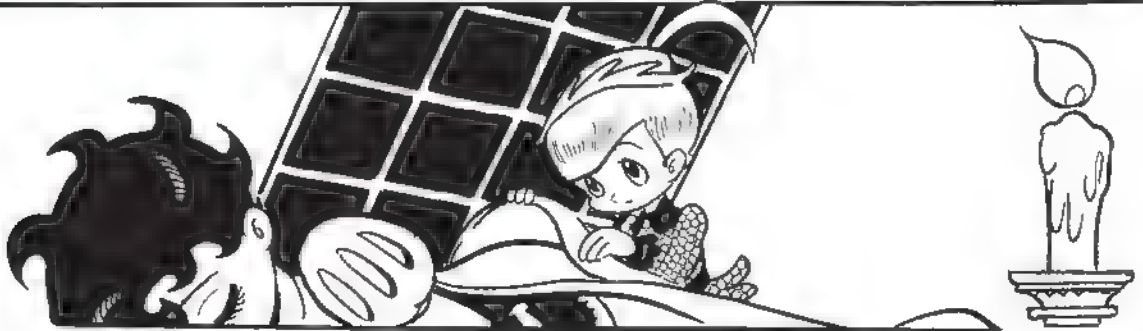


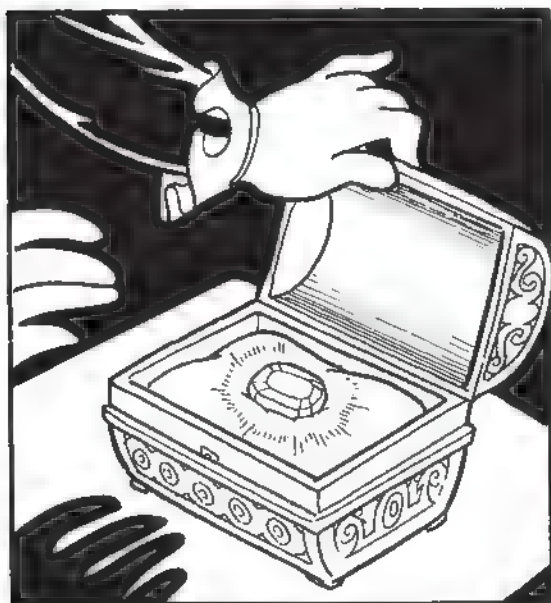
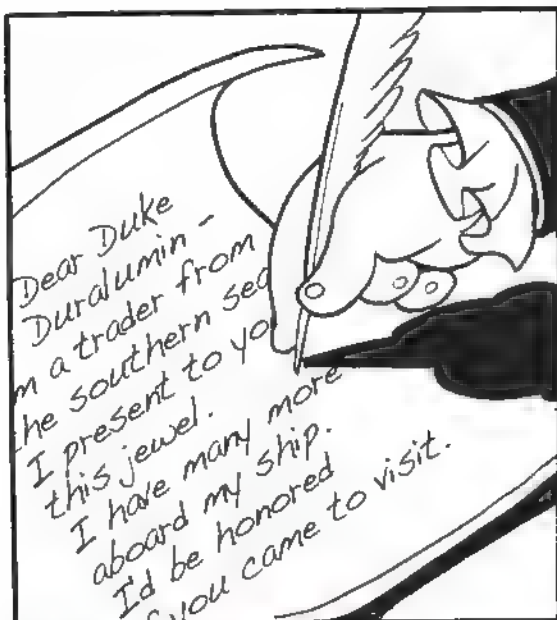
GO AHEAD
AND EAT, TINK.
I'M NOT HUNGRY.

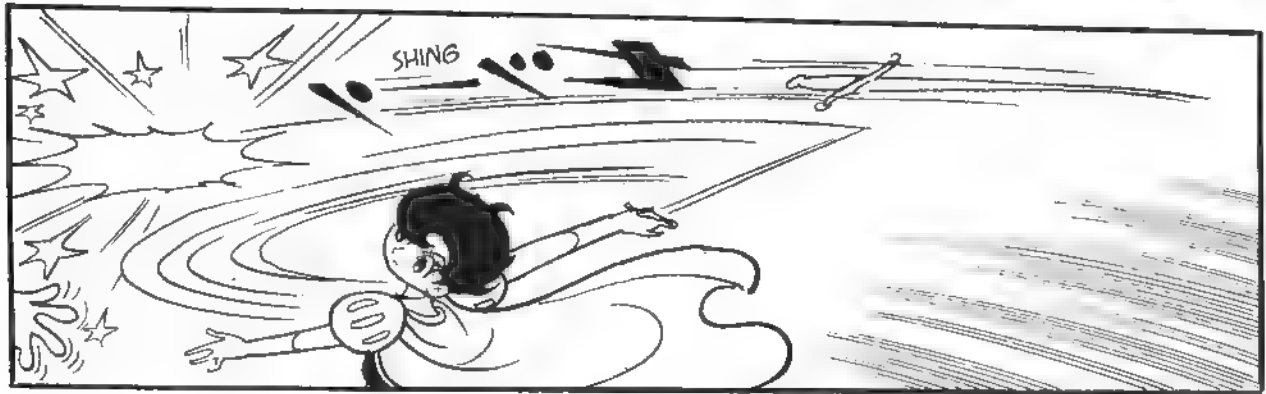
THE FOOD'S
GETTING
COLD,
SAPPHIRE.



IT WAS JUST A JOKE!
HE'S JUST LONELY.
HIS EYES GAVE HIM AWAY.



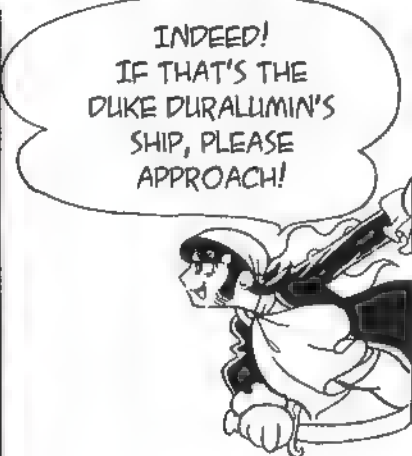
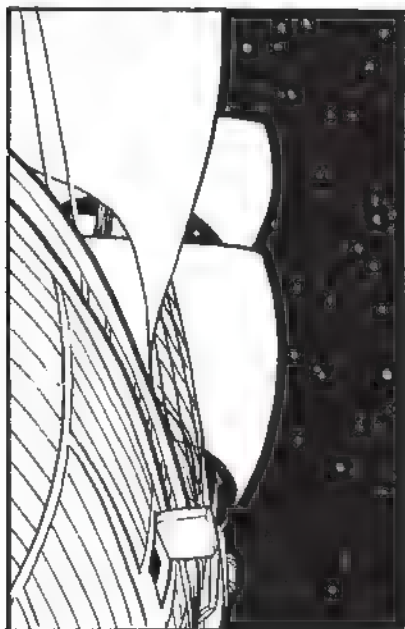


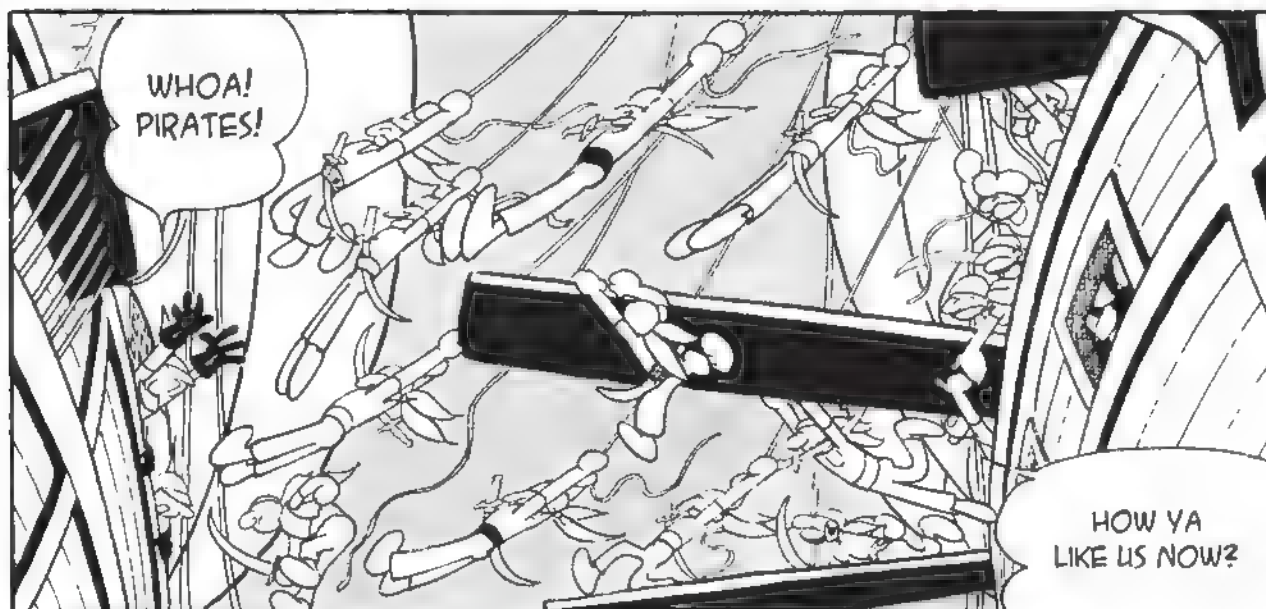
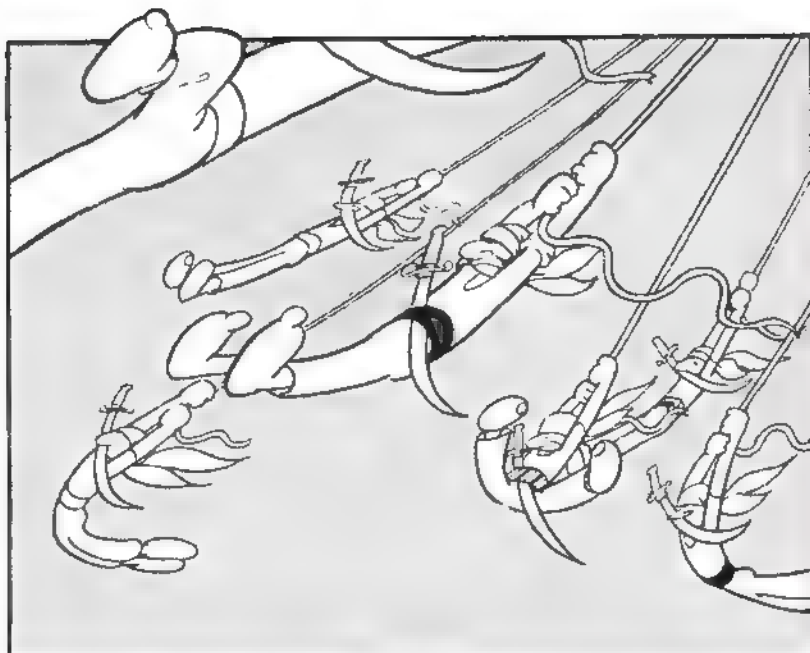


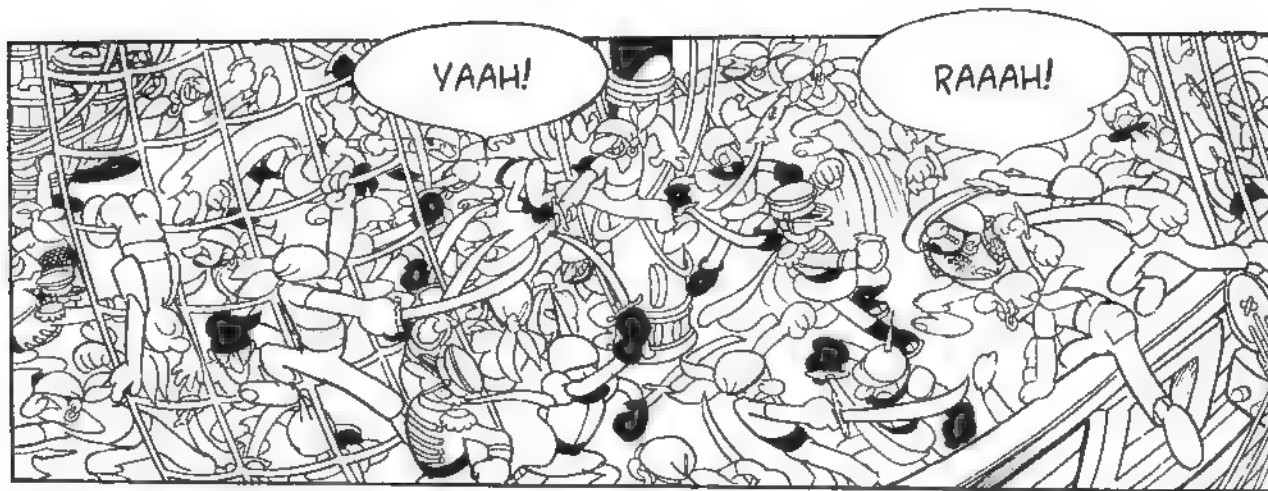


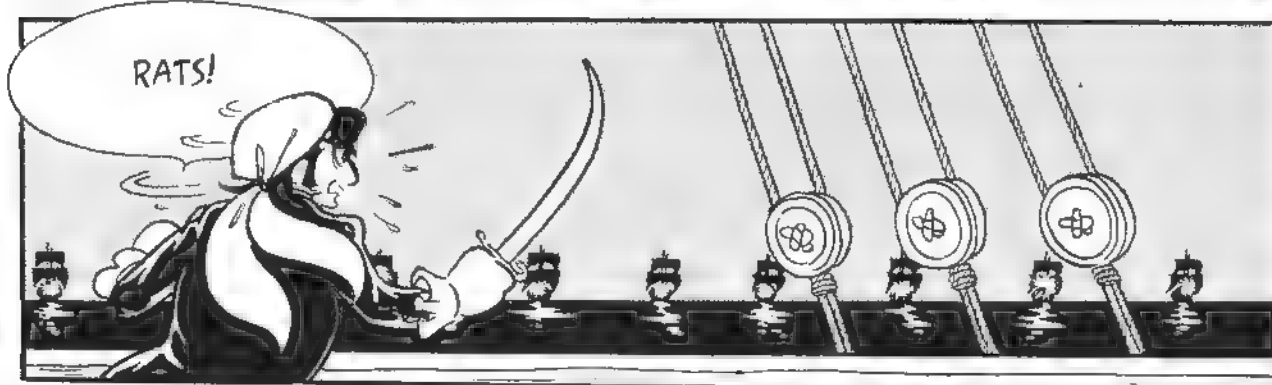
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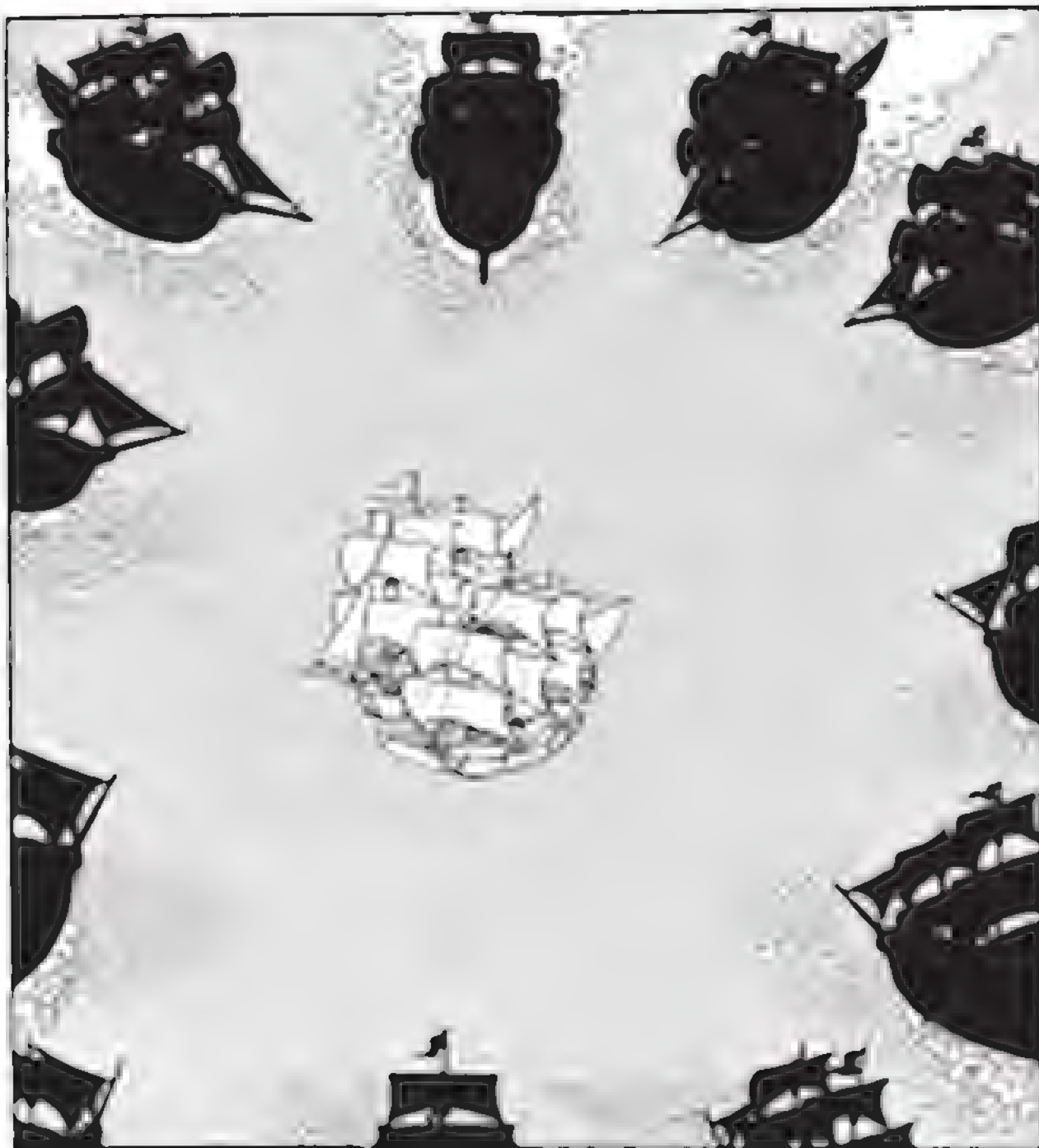
Captain Blood, Pirate





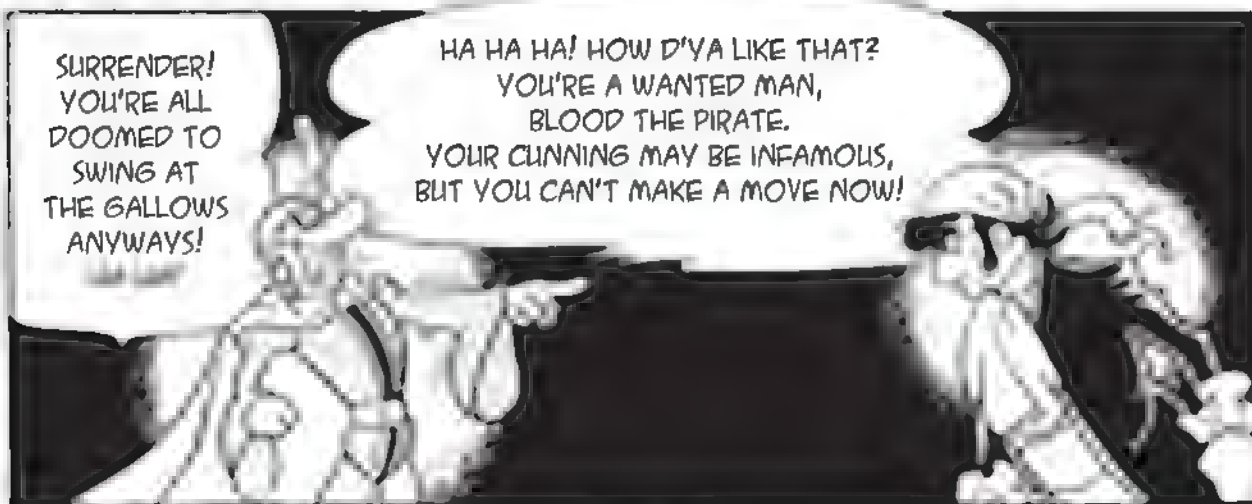




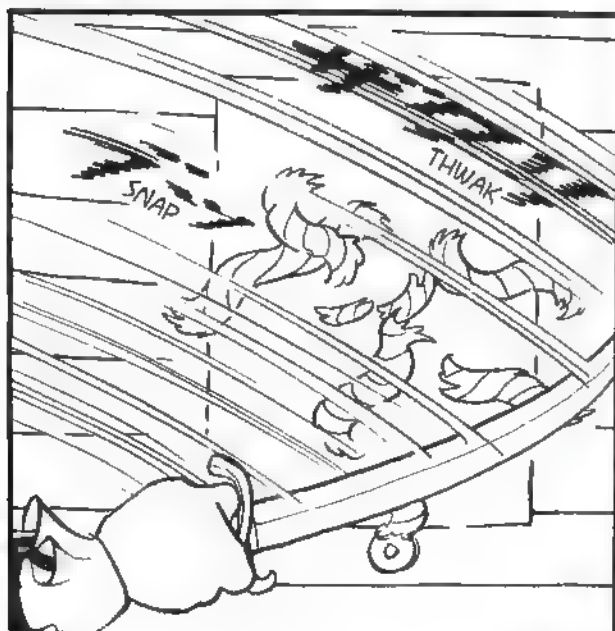
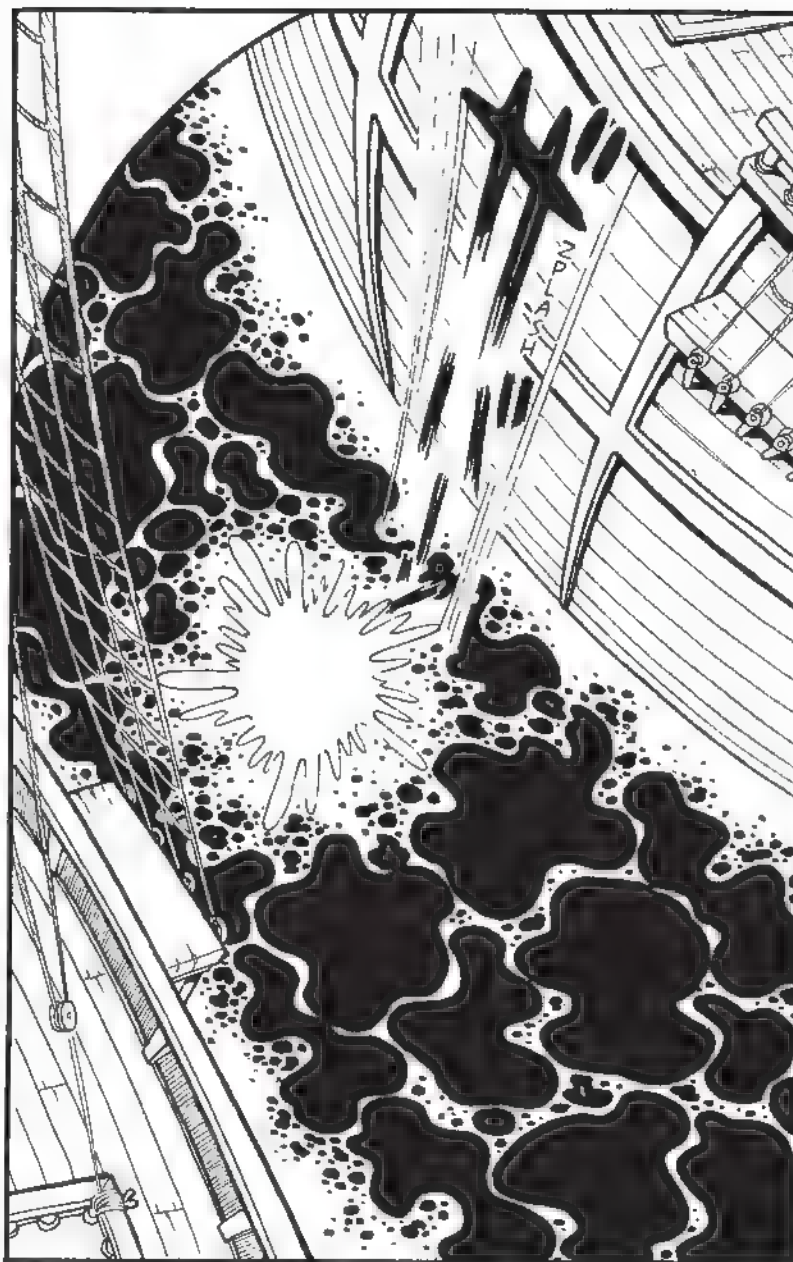


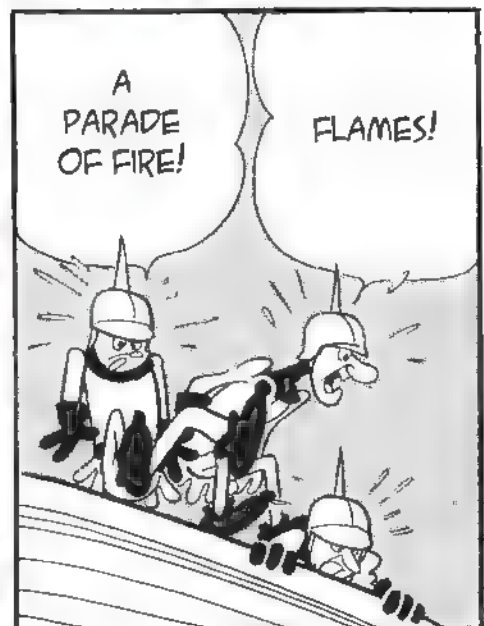
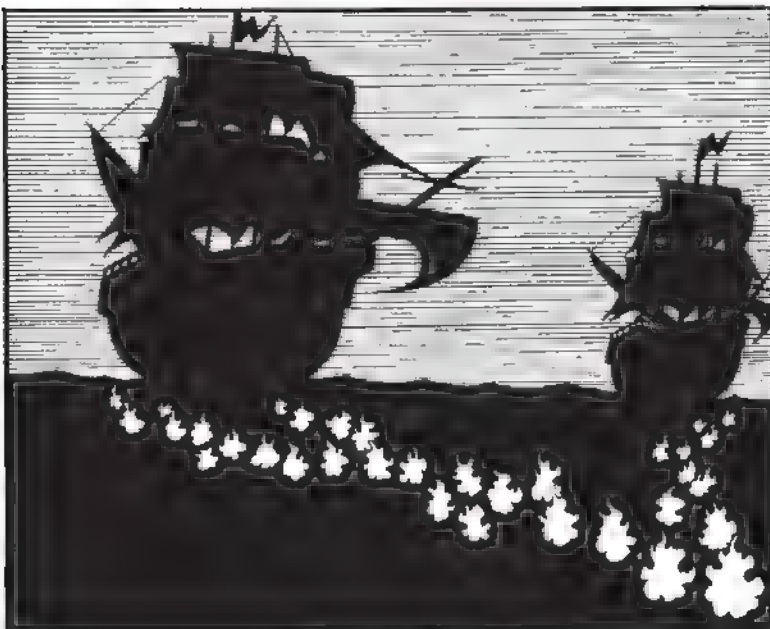
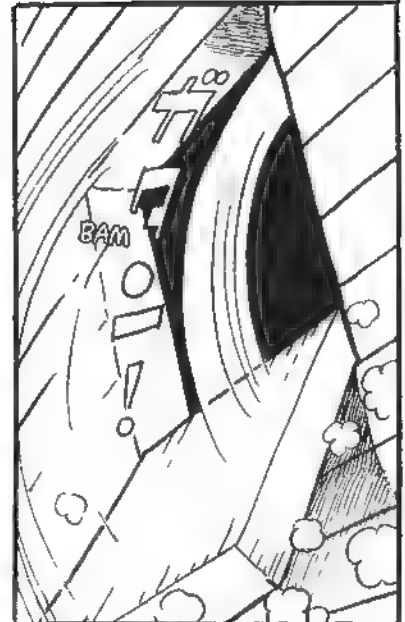
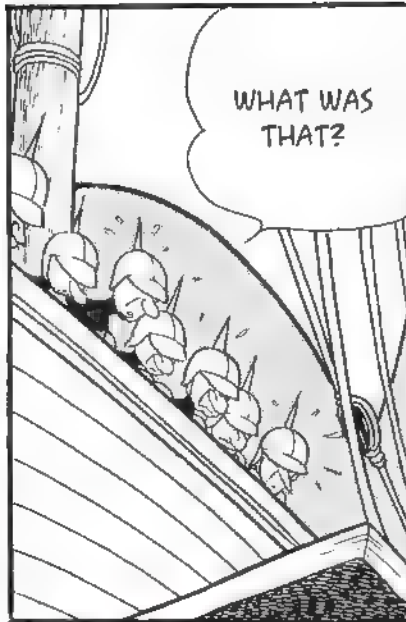
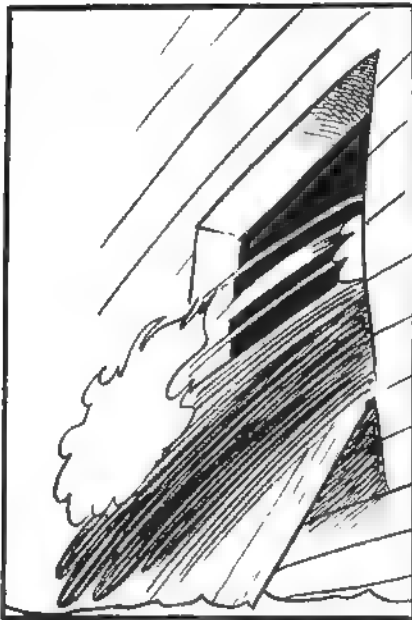
SURRENDER!
YOU'RE ALL
DOOMED TO
SWING AT
THE GALLOWS
ANYWAYS!

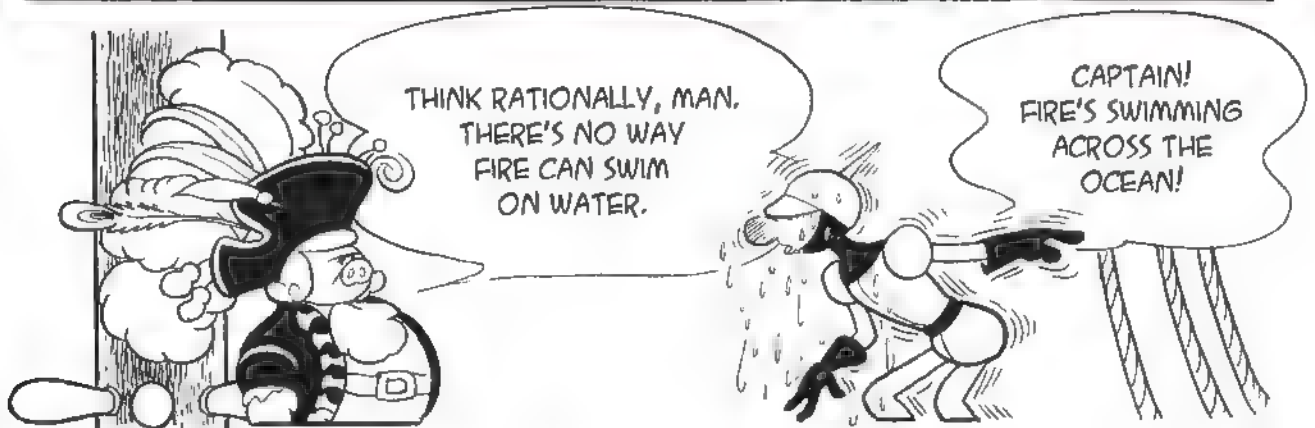
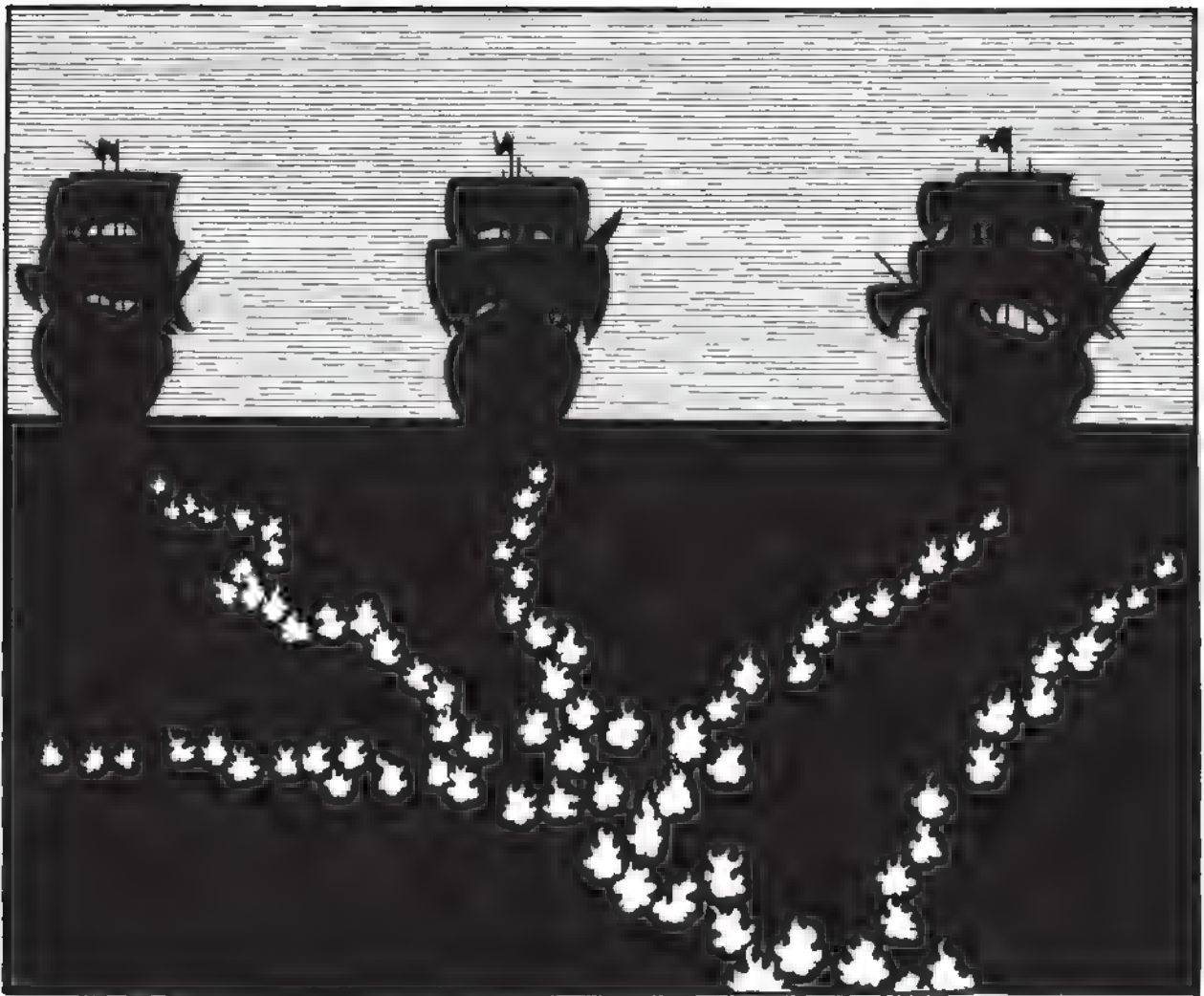
HA HA HA! HOW D'YA LIKE THAT?
YOU'RE A WANTED MAN,
BLOOD THE PIRATE.
YOUR CUNNING MAY BE INFAMOUS,
BUT YOU CAN'T MAKE A MOVE NOW!

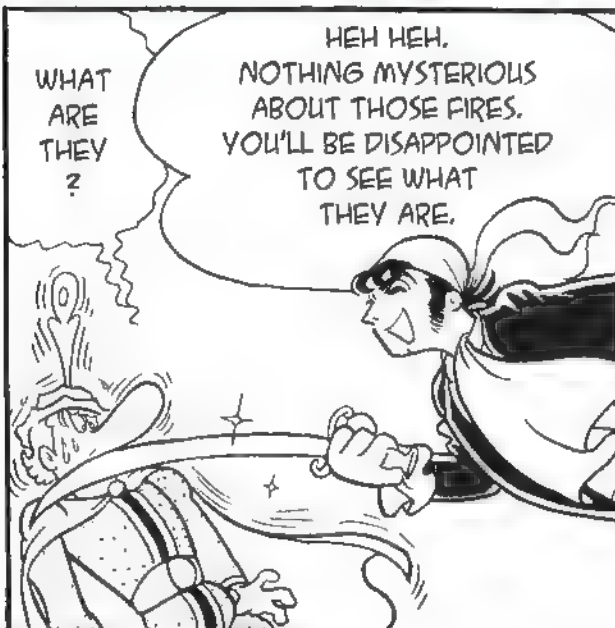
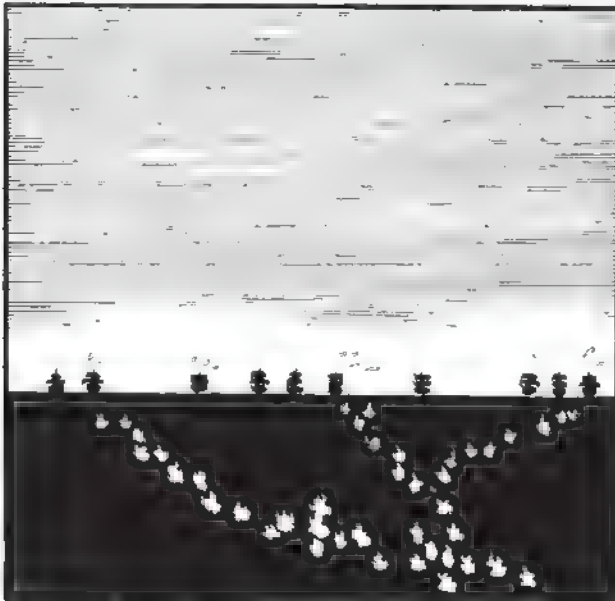
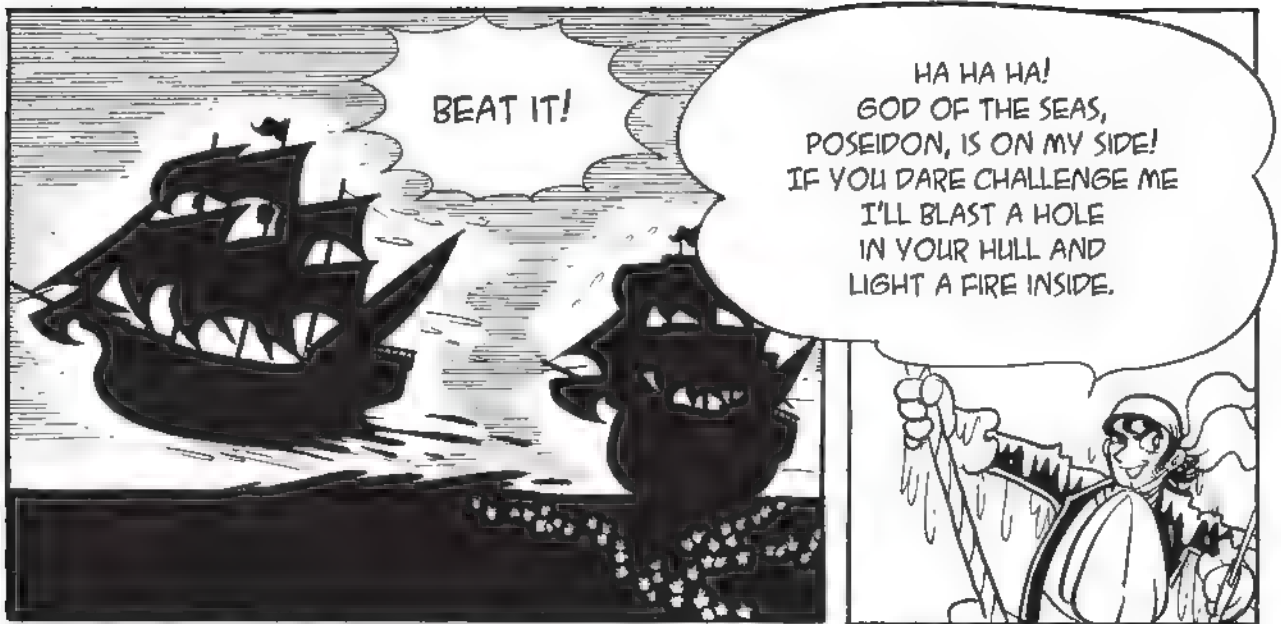


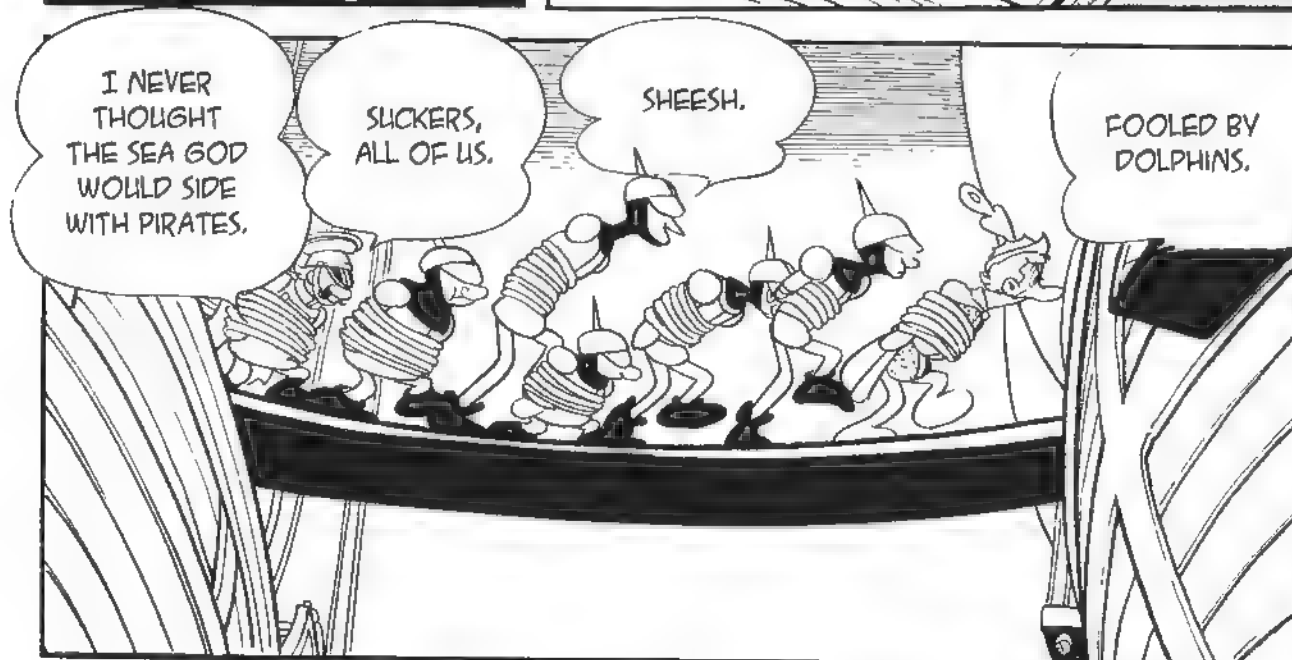
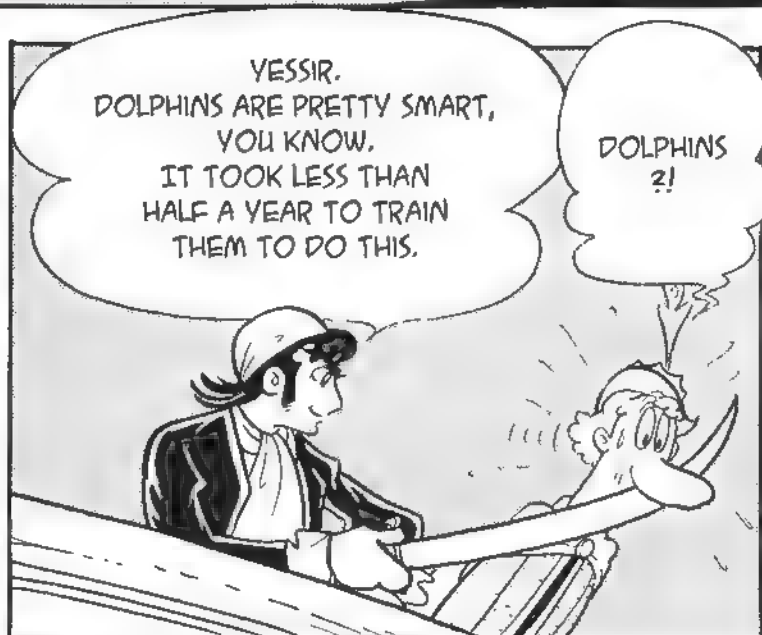
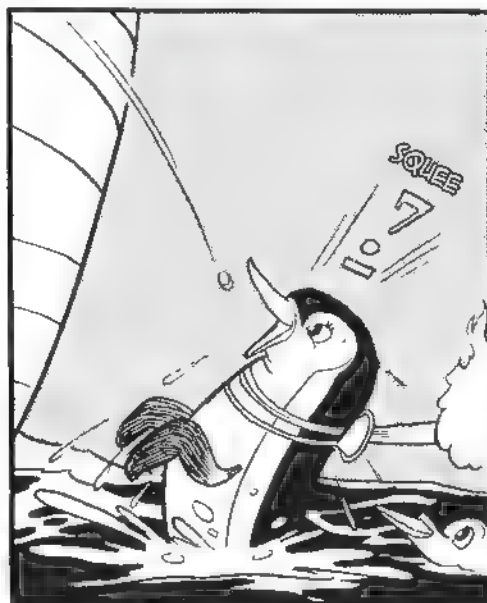
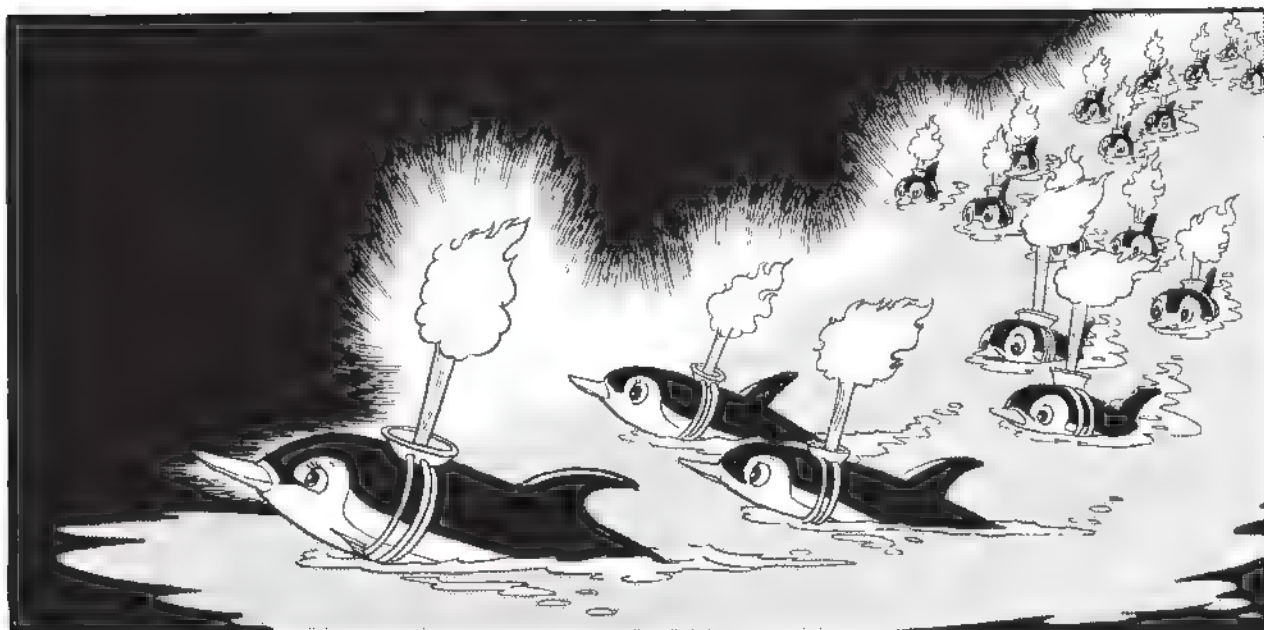


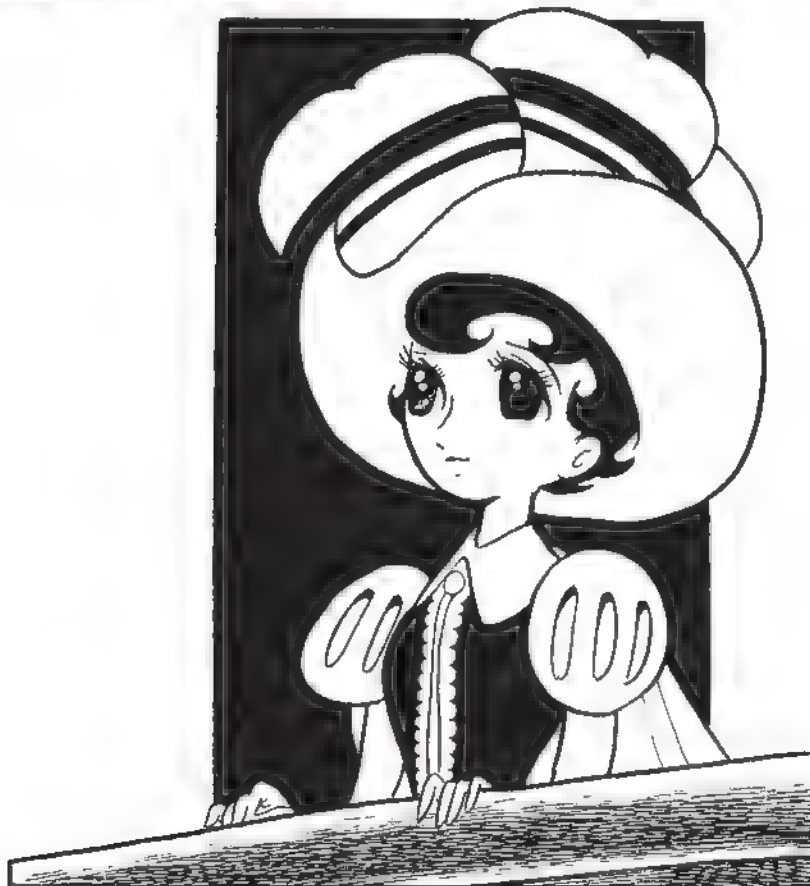
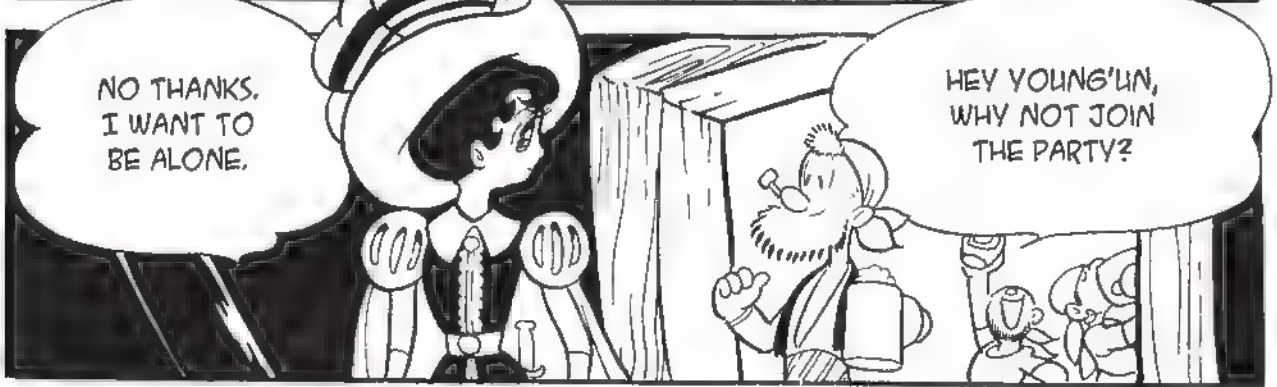
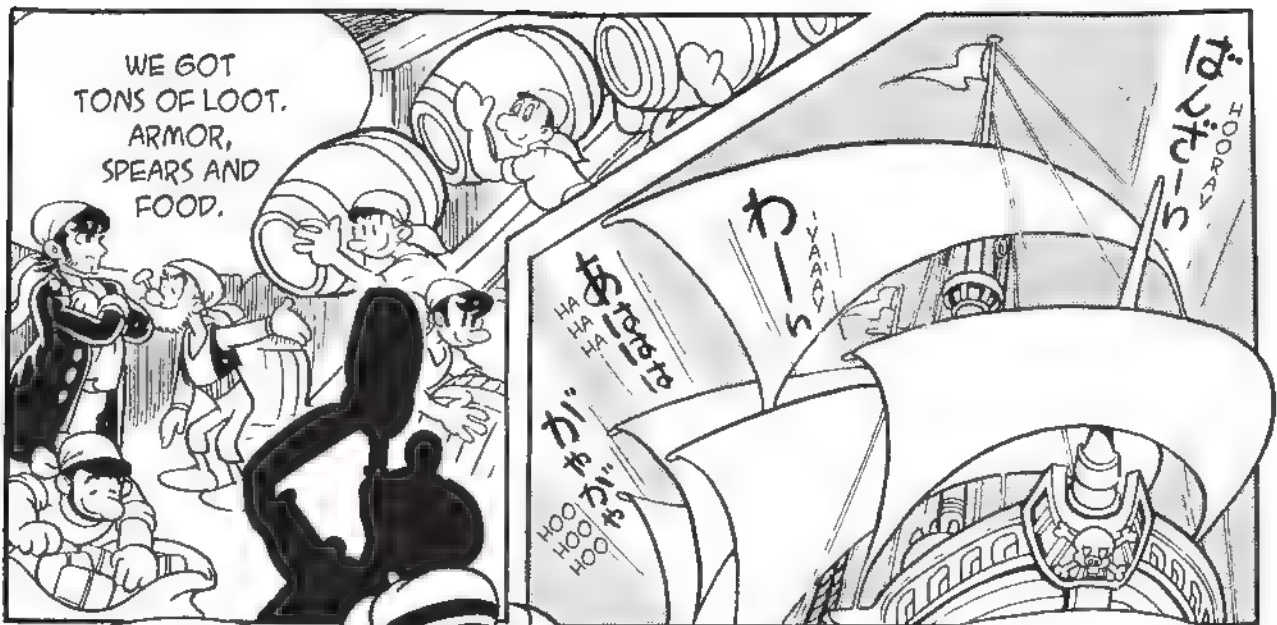






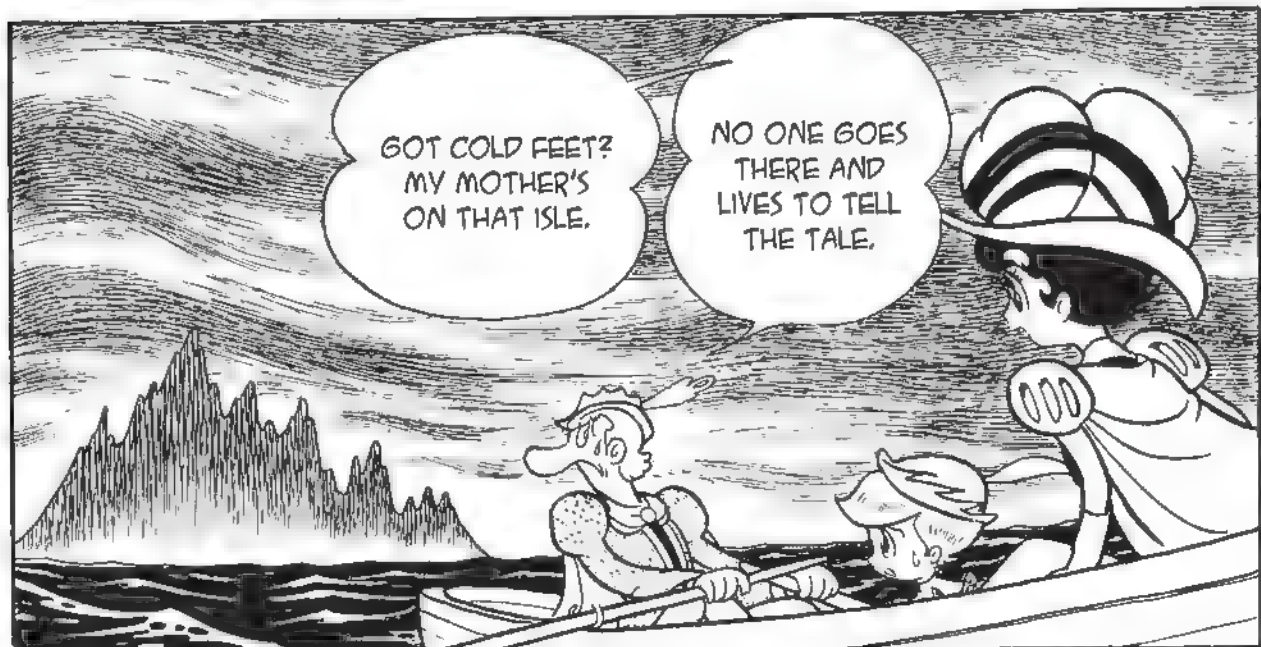
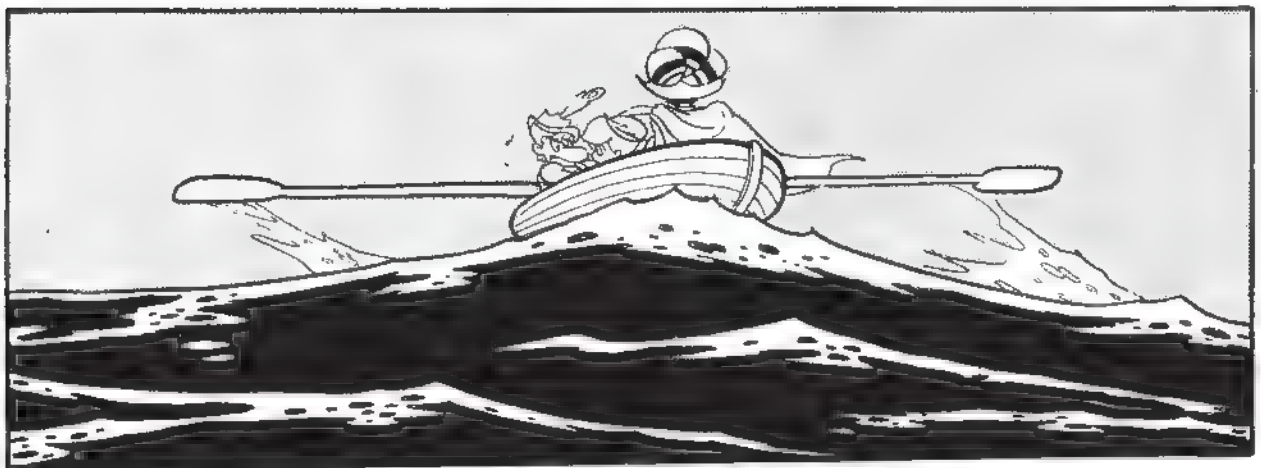
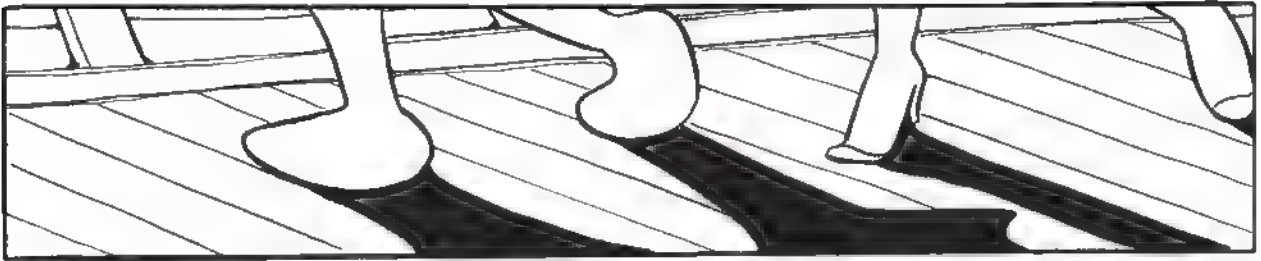












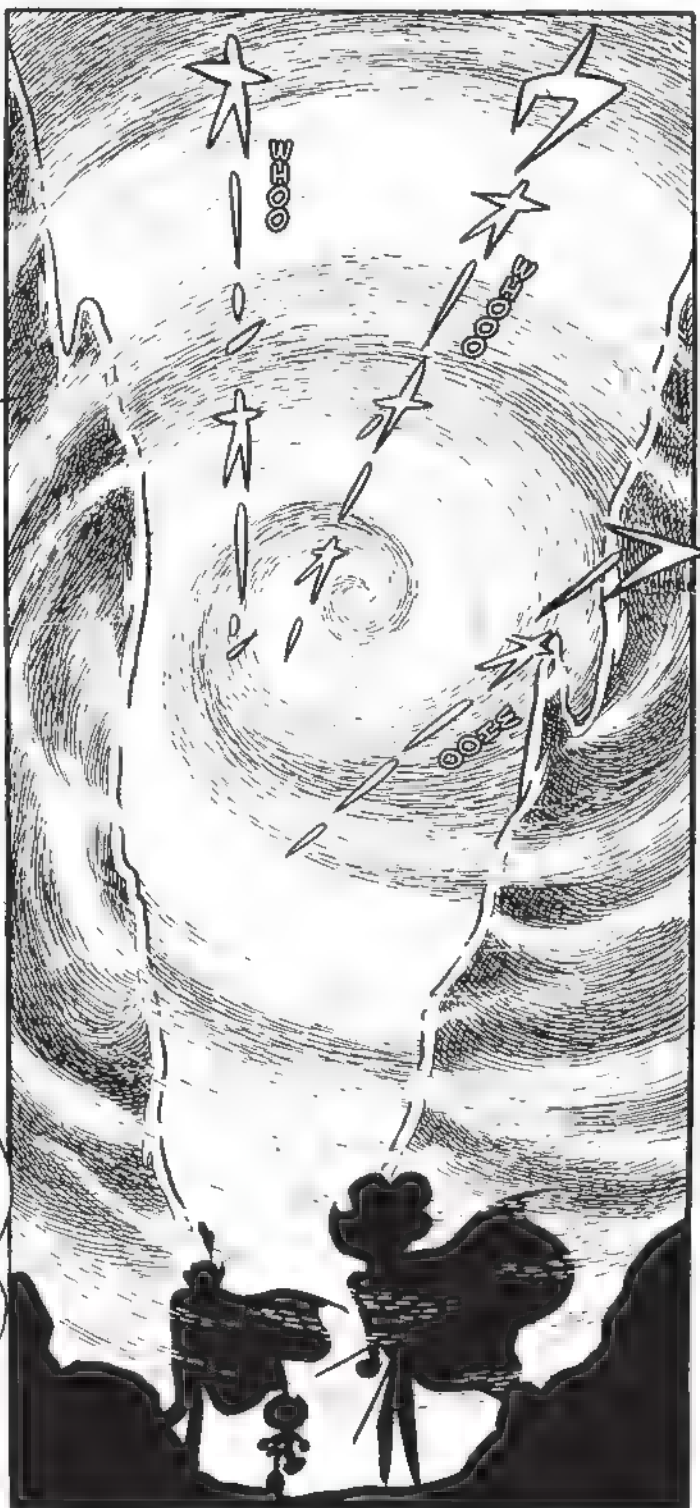
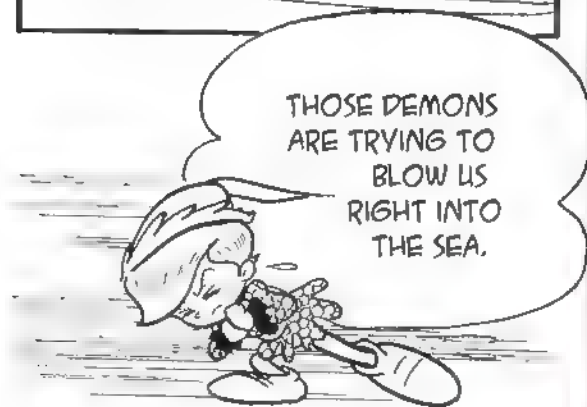


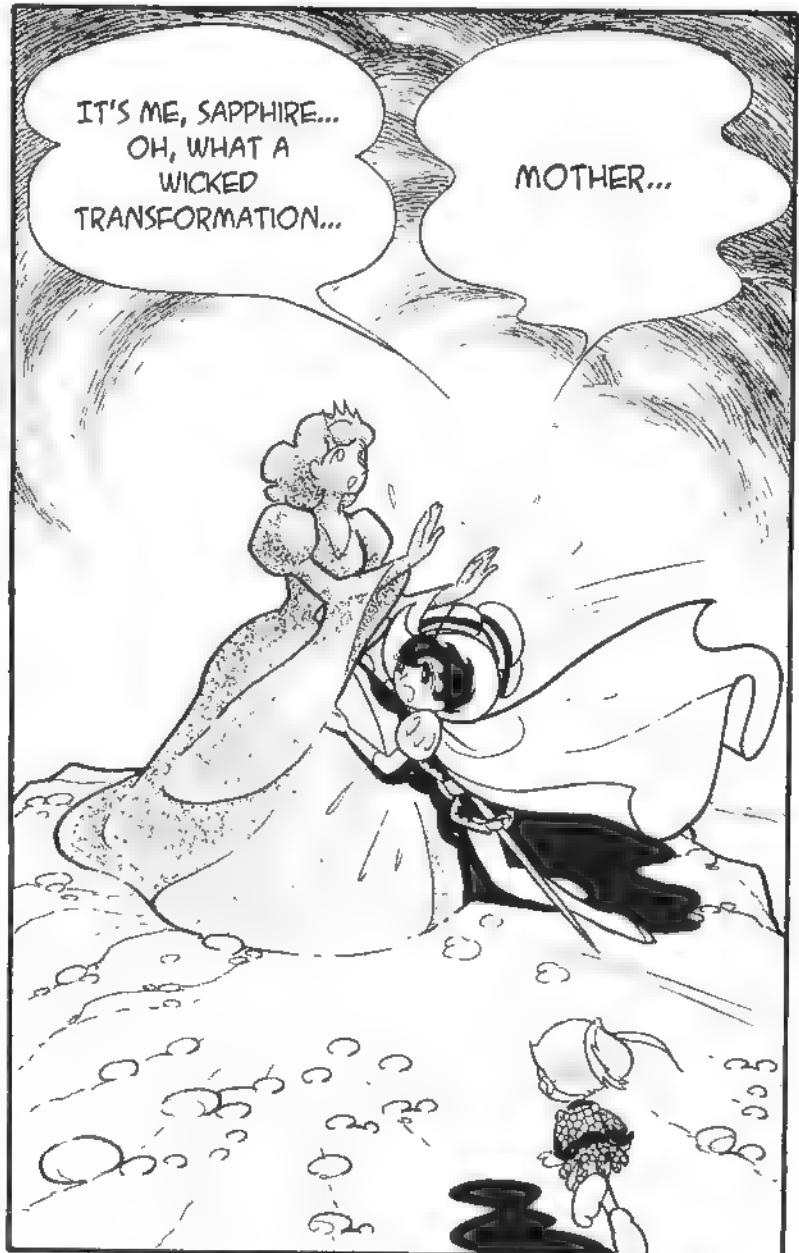
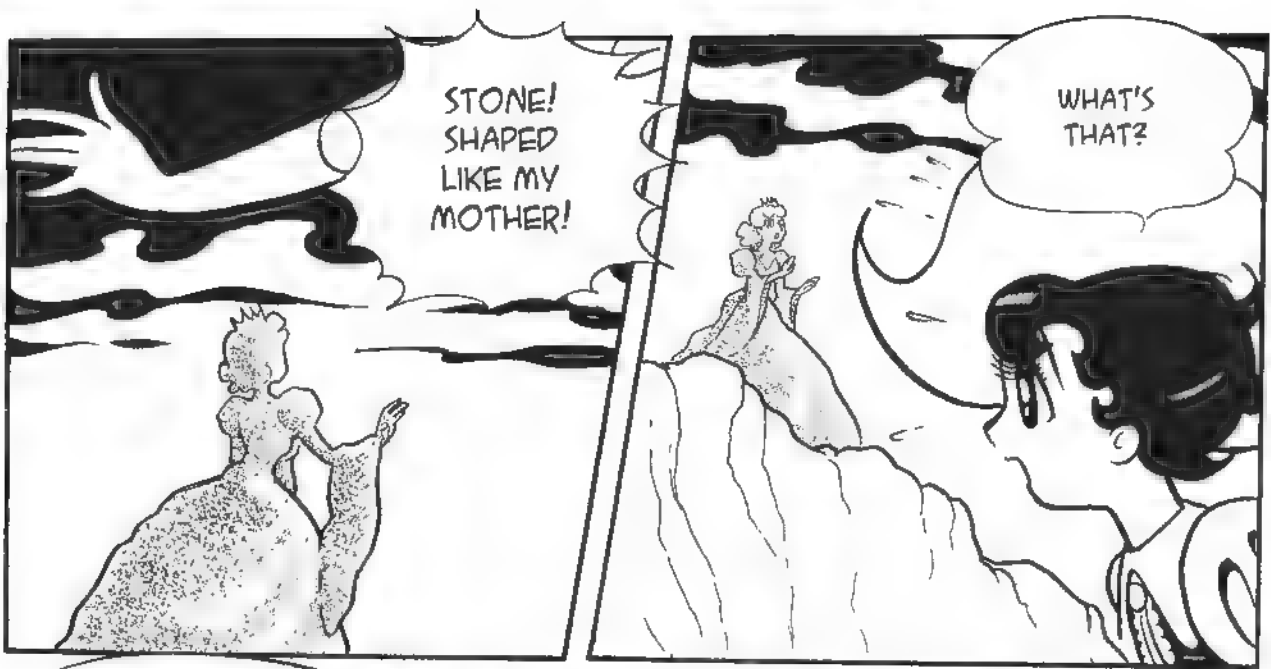
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BRR...
BRR.



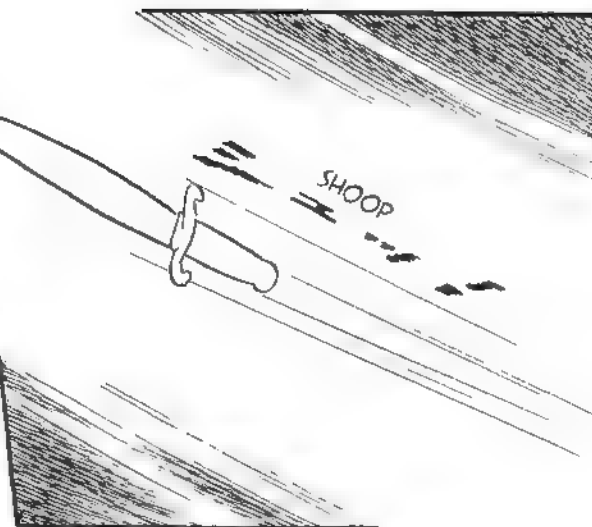
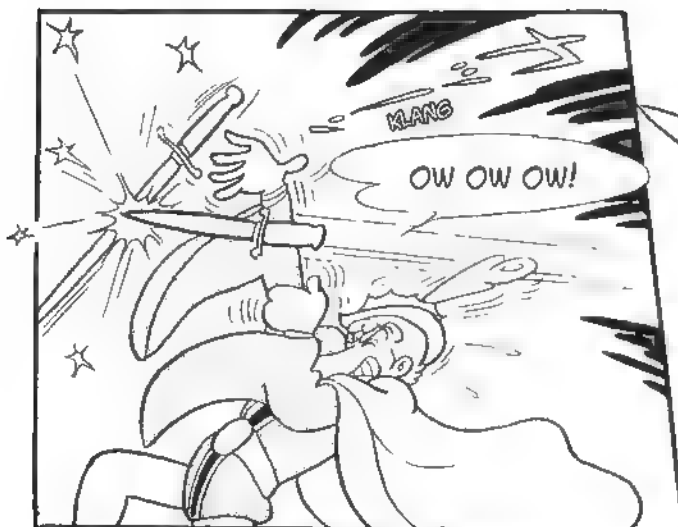
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LOOK AT ALL
THESE BONES.

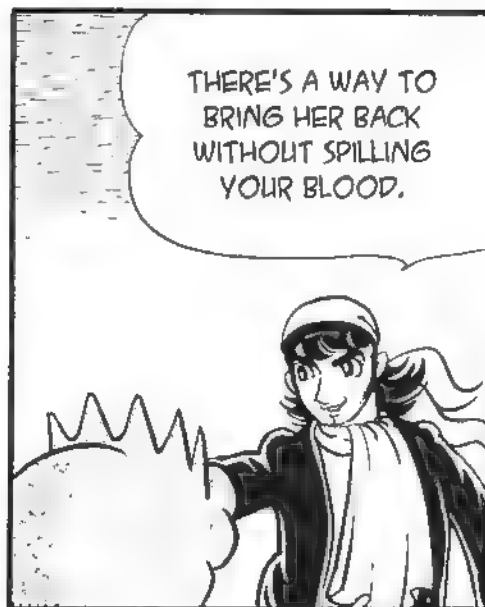
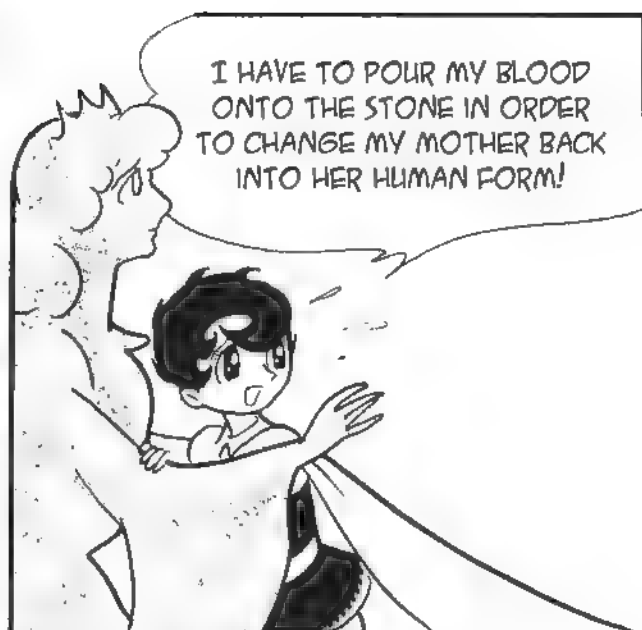














THIS ISLE IS FILLED
WITH HER EVIL KIN.
THAT'S WHY
THEY'RE ANGRY.



WHEW!
THAT WAS
ROUGH!



QUIT THE SILLY PRANKS!
IF YOU GOT A PROBLEM
THEN BRING OUT THE WITCH!

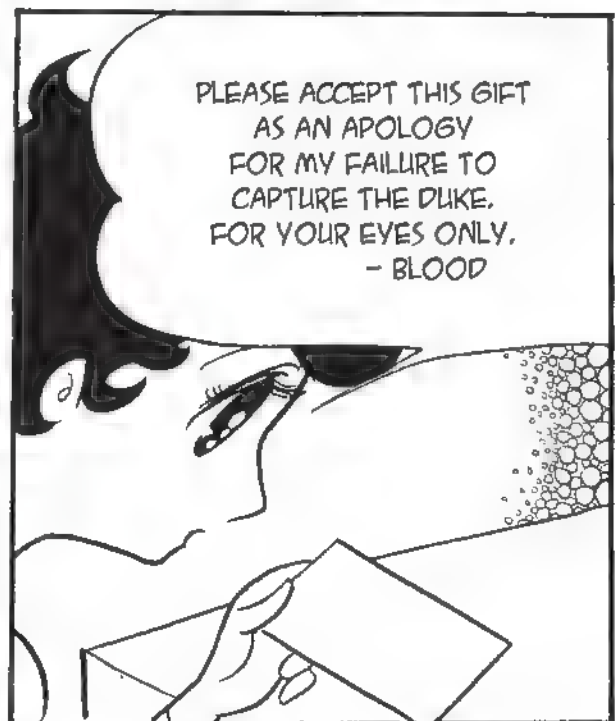
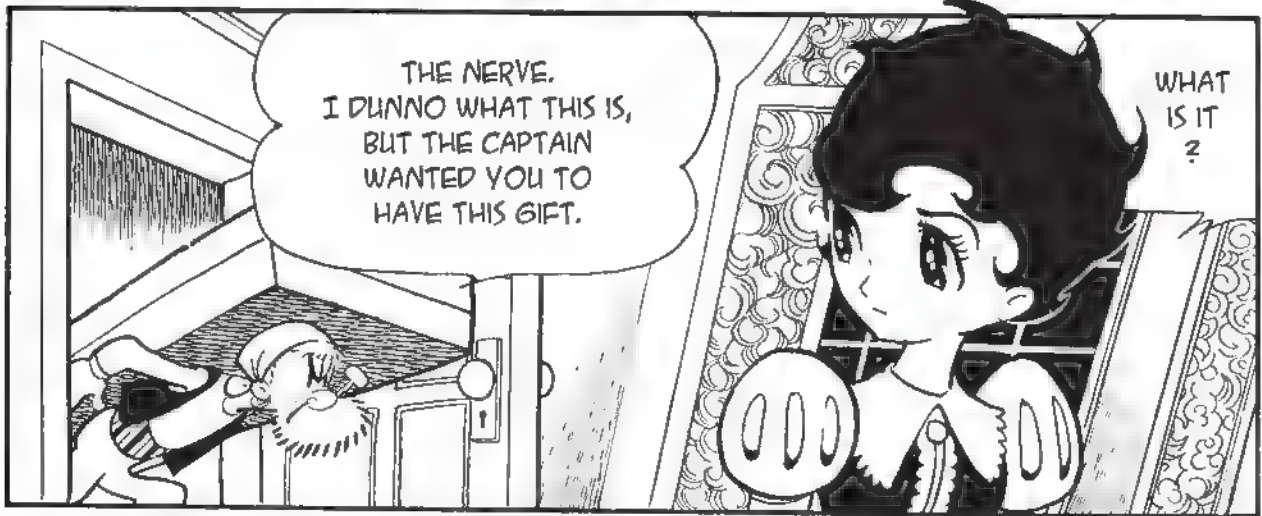
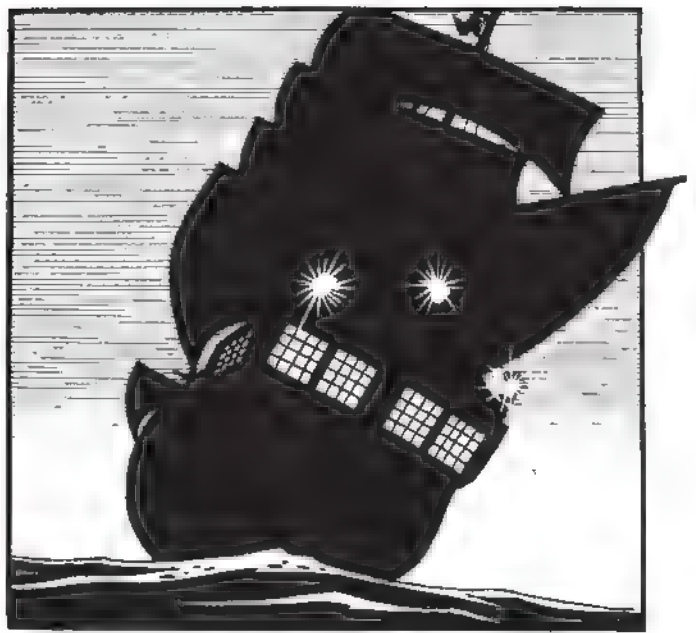


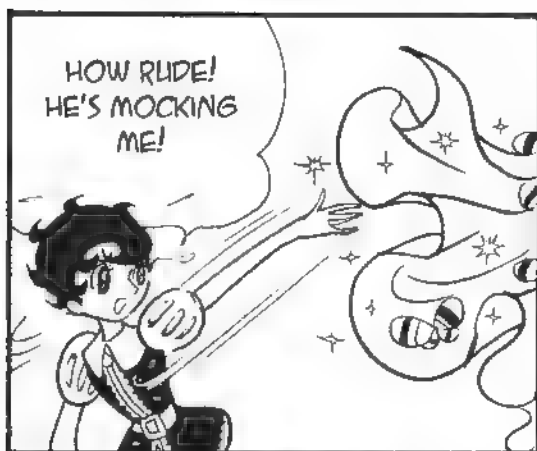
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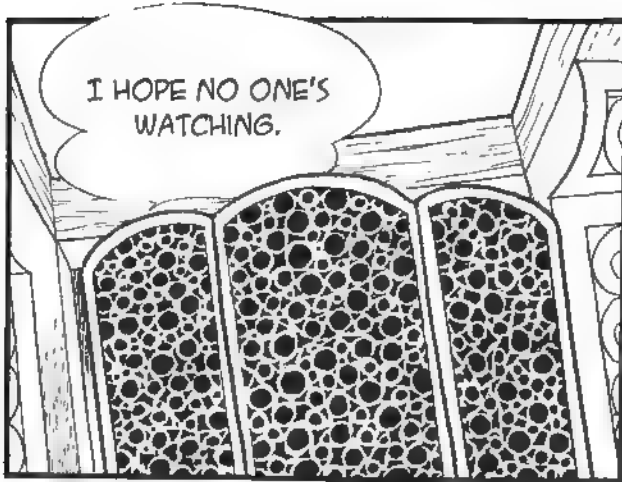
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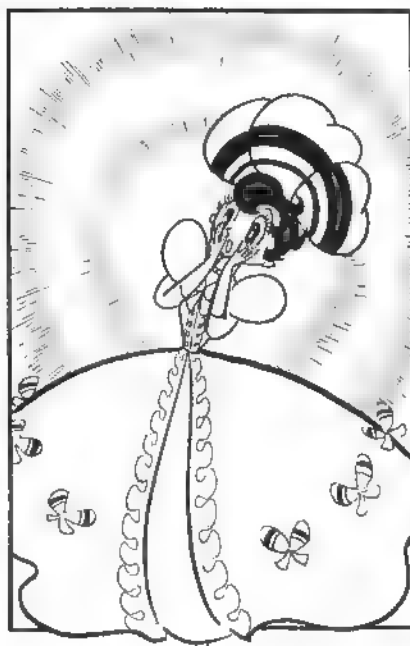
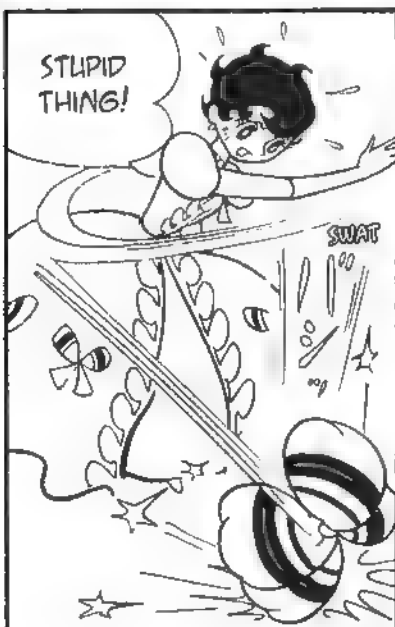
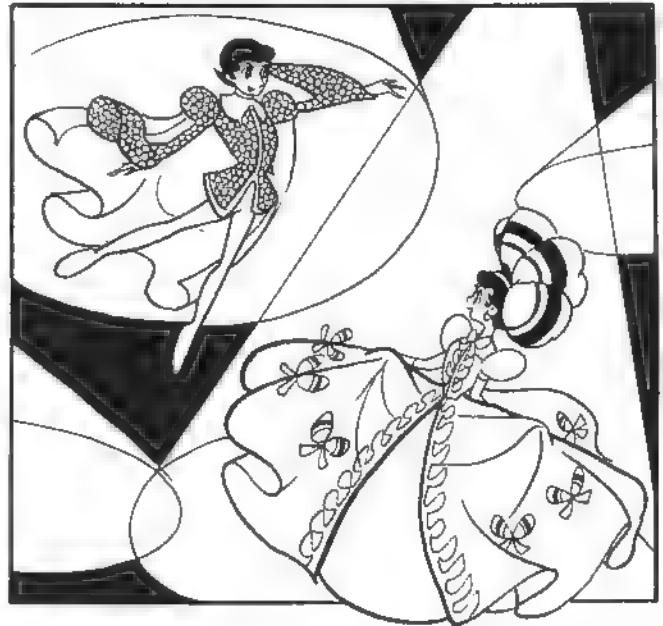
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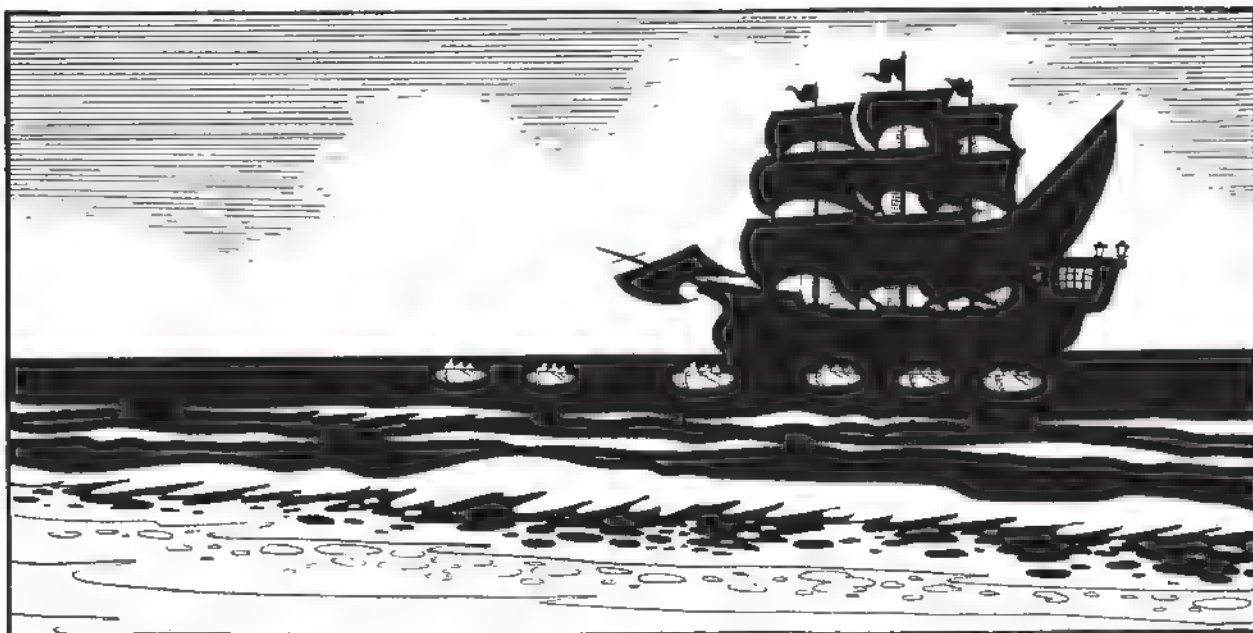
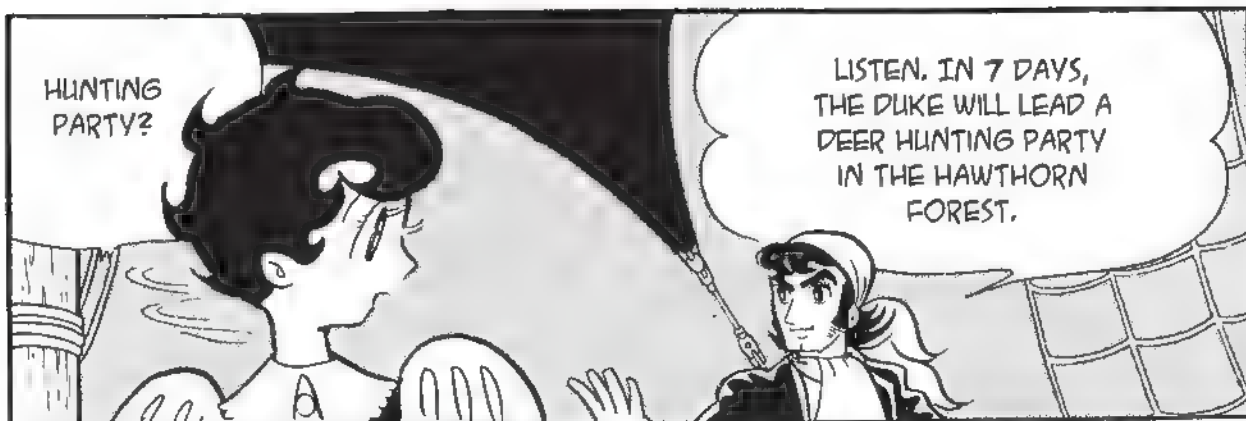


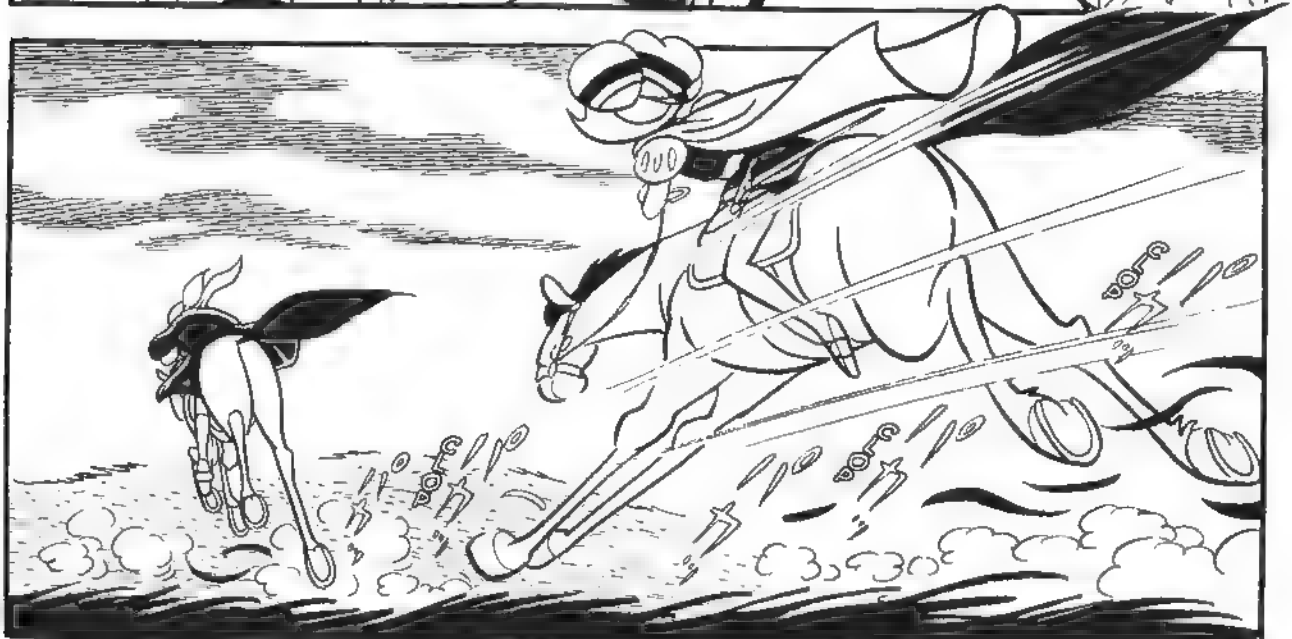
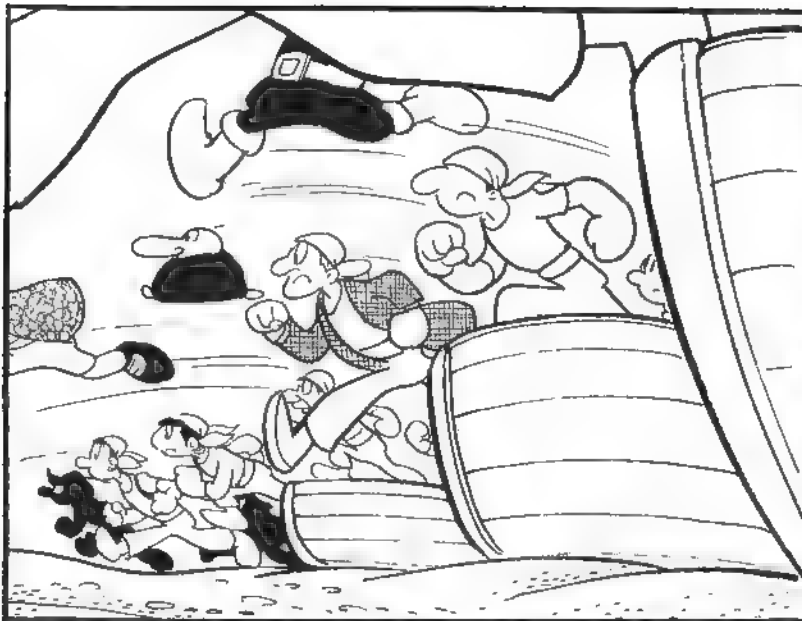




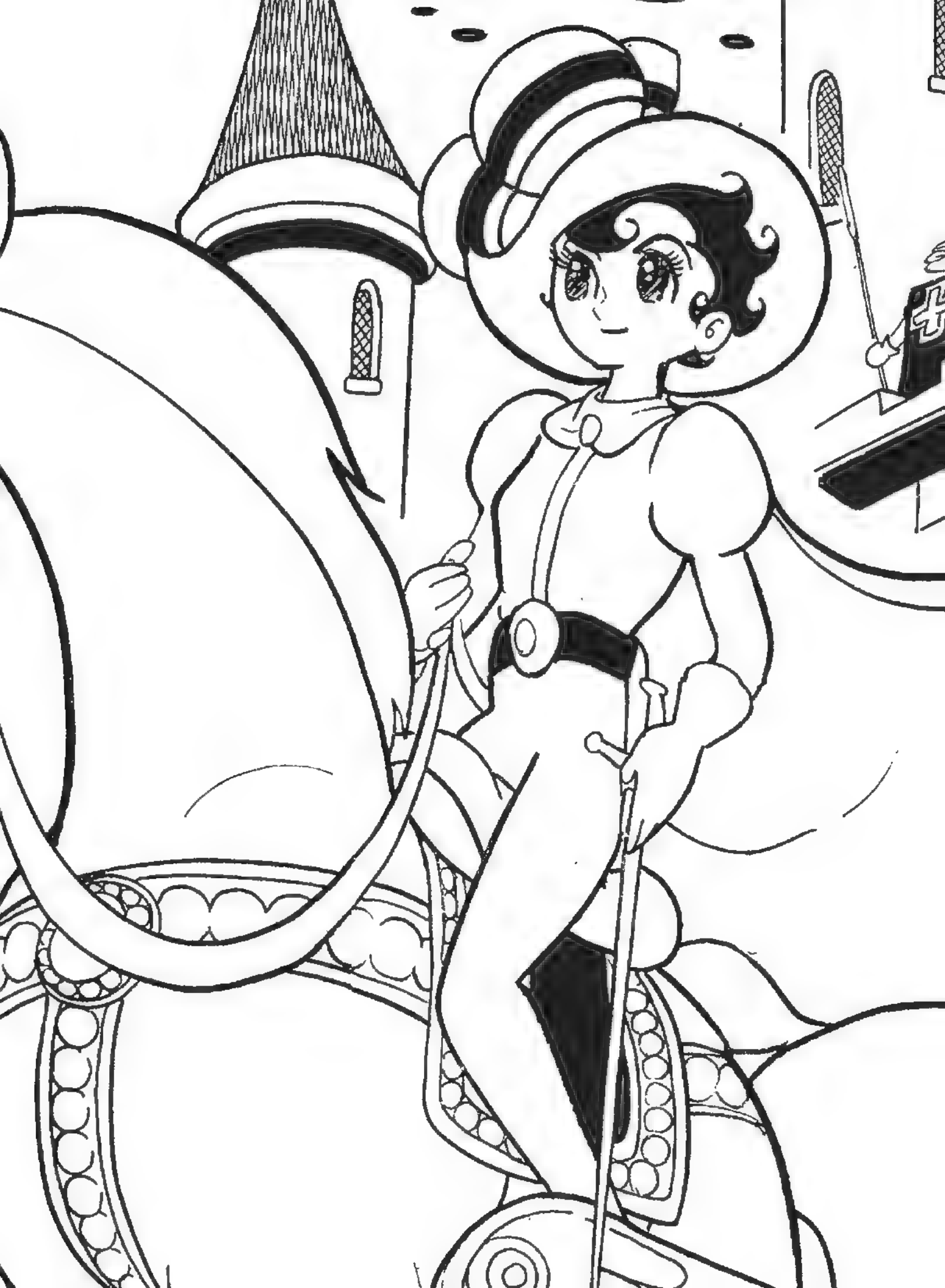








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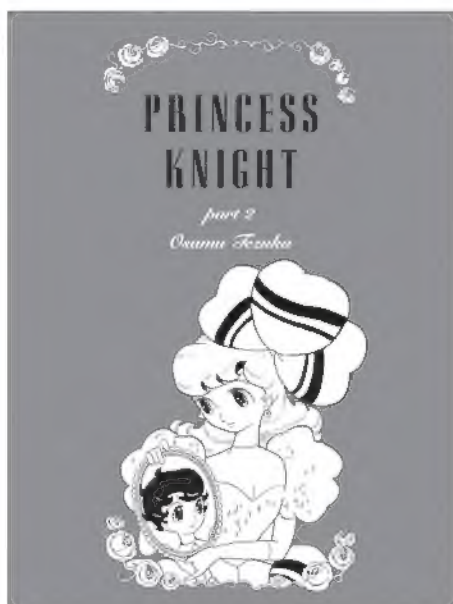


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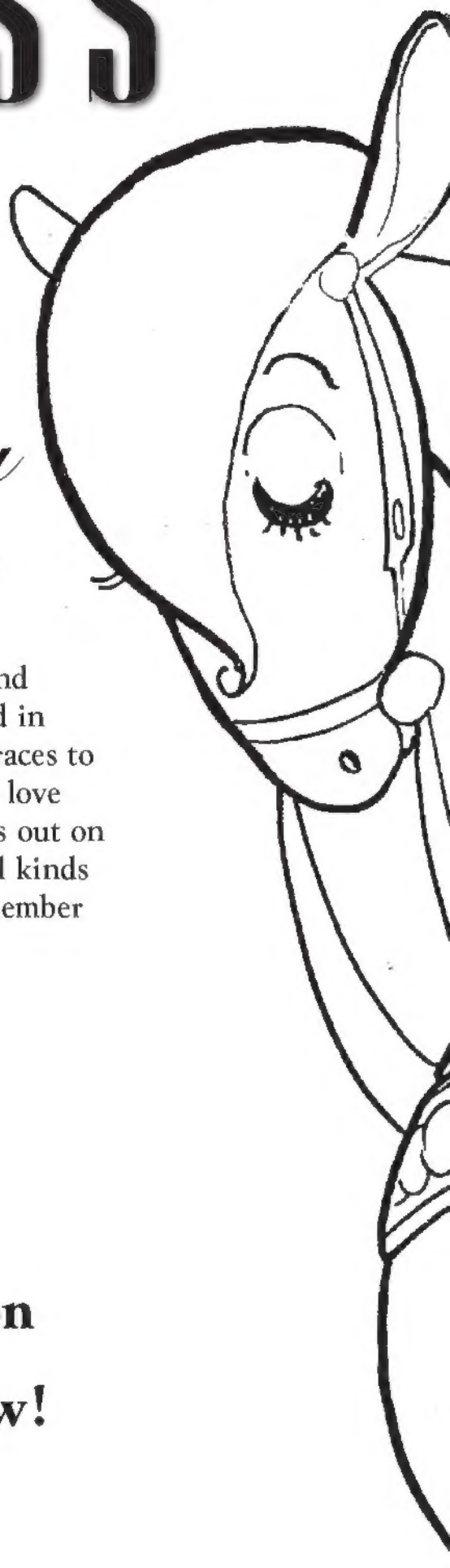
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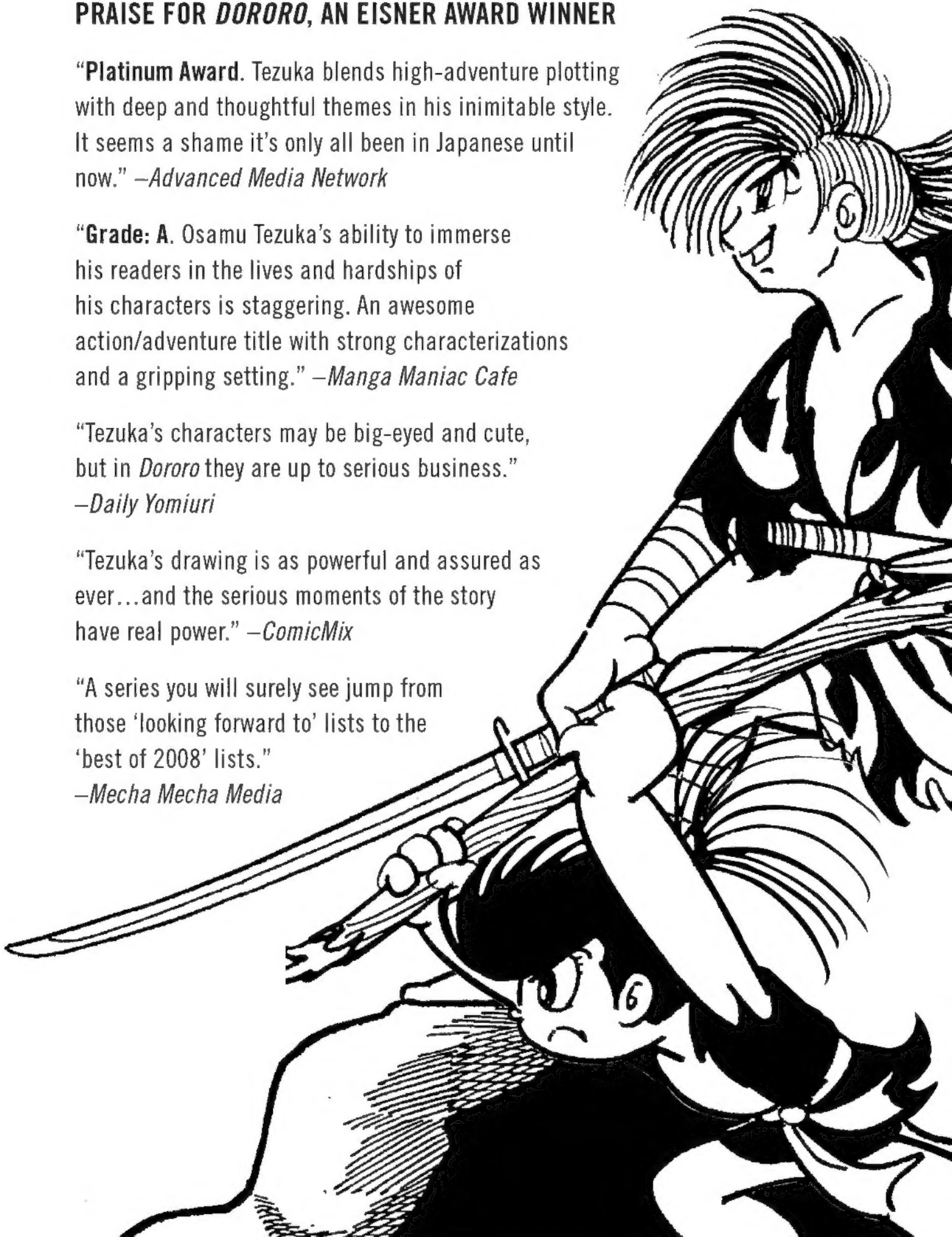
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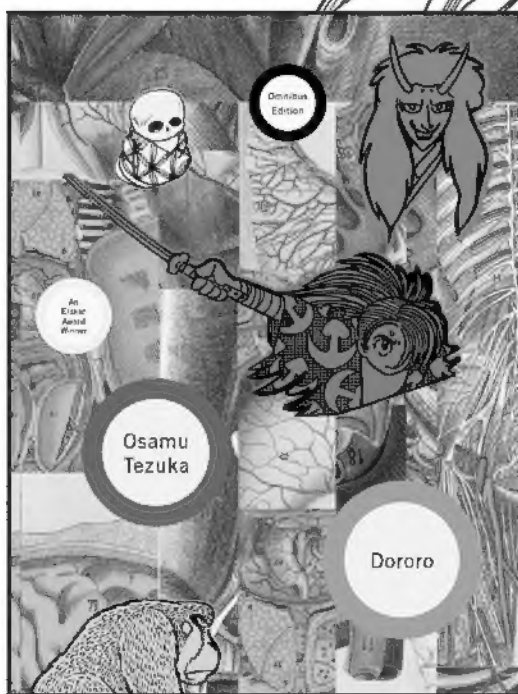
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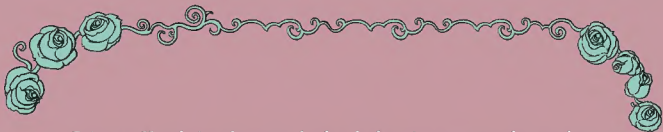
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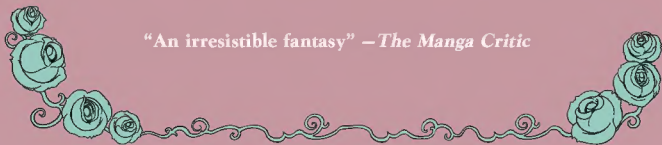




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